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Jewish Forces Launch Fierce

Russia Recognises Israel

Moscow, May 17.—Russia tonight officially recognised the new-born State of Israel following the United States and Guatemala, who have already done so.

Moscow Radio broadcast in full Mr. Moshe Shertok, the Jewish Foreign Minister's, appeal of last night for recognition of the new State. Moscow Radio gave the text of the telegram received by M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, from the Foreign Minister of the Provisional Government of Israel as follows:

"I have the honour to communicate to you and to ask you to pass on to your Government that the National Council of the Jewish State, consisting of members elected by the representative organisations of the Jews in Palestine, met yesterday, May 14, in connection with the ending of the British mandate, and, on the basis of the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly of November 29, 1947, proclaimed the establishment of an independent Jewish State in Palestine which will be called the State of Israel."

M. Molotov informed Mr. Shertok that "the Government of the USSR has decided to extend official recognition to the State of Israel and to its Provisional Government," the Radio said.

Mr. Molotov added: "The Soviet Government hopes that the creation by the Jewish people of its sovereign state will serve the cause of strengthening peace and security in Palestine and the Near East, and, expresses its confidence in the successful development of friendly relations between the USSR and the State of Israel."—Reuter.

SULFA TREATMENT FOR LEPROSY

Washington, May 17.—Newly discovered methods of treating leprosy, particularly by sulfa drugs, give promise that the disease may be conquered, Dr. Robert G. Cochran, of the Christian Medical College, Vellore, India, reported to the fourth International Congress on Tropical Medicine today.

He insisted, however, that the cost of treatment will have to be reduced, if satisfactory cures can be effected among the disease's many victims.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

New Charter For Trade

THE recent United Nations conference on trade and employment held in Havana has attracted little notice, yet a considerable amount of important work was achieved and much attention paid to the Charter of the International Trade Organisation, the draft of which was completed in London two years ago. Enormous diversity in the economic systems of various nations presented many problems in drafting the Charter which, for this reason, is invested with a number of escape clauses. However, to guard against the danger of these being loosely interpreted, they can only be invoked with the approval of the other members of the ITO. For the British delegation attending the Havana conference one of its principal tasks was to safeguard Colonial interests in the writing of the Charter dealing with economic development and reconstruction. The result is to allow important steps to be taken to protect infant industries. It also permits protection by tariffs and subsidies without prior approval by the International Trade Organisation. Tariffs can be as high as is considered necessary, but they must not be of a discriminatory nature. It is fully recognised that the promotion of economic development is of paramount importance and that special assistance from governments may be required in certain cases, such as Britain's Colonial welfare and development scheme. Article 17, which deals with the reduction of tariffs and the elimination of preferences might have been considered a threat to the colonies' trade because they might be called upon to reduce

tariffs substantially, but a clause was inserted whereby a country is not required to comply if development thereby be frustrated or if it can be shown that tariffs are an essential part of revenue. Article 22 is of great importance to some colonies. It restrains a country with large stocks of commodities from releasing these on to the world markets without giving four months' notice to the International Trade Organisation. Without such a protecting clause difficulties would be created for many British colonies if, for example, big quantities of rubber, tin or sugar were thrown on the market without warning. Moreover it could have international repercussions by upsetting world trade which, at the moment, must maintain its stability by careful planning and adjustment in all countries. The Charter is not yet effective, but it is likely to come into force next year. As an instrument for rationalising international trade relations it is conservatively conceived, yet it may well prove to be the foundation of a new economic deal for the whole world. For the Charter to become automatically effective, it must be accepted by 20 nations, but so far as the colonies are concerned, they have freedom of choice in applying or ignoring its conditions. As the benefits promised are greater than the disadvantages, it may reasonably be anticipated that it will be accepted by the necessary 20 nations, the British colonies will do likewise. Hongkong has no reason to view the Charter with any alarm, inasmuch that it permits this Colony, if it so desires, to pursue its traditional free trading without being penalised.

Counter-Attack SEEK TO REOPEN VITAL JERUSALEM HIGHWAY

Furious Battle In Holy City

Jerusalem, May 17.—Jewish forces commenced a fierce counter-attack on the Arab town of Ramleh, only nine miles from Jerusalem, in a drive to reopen the vital highway to Jerusalem.

The attack on Ramleh, a town of 20,000, which dominates the supply line to 100,000 Jews in Jerusalem, was begun as Egyptian fighter-bombers made three more raids on Tel-Aviv.

The attack was made by Irgun Zvai Leumi, which was only recently incorporated into the Jewish Army. It coincided with reports that the Jews had surrendered the old walled city of Jerusalem to the Arabs.

The Jewish Army communique which told of the attack on Ramleh also claimed the Jewish capture of the town of Nabi Yusha on the Lebanon border, about seven miles north of Safad, and said three Syrian armoured cars were captured when an attack by Syrian regulars on the town of Zemar, south of Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee, was repulsed. The Syrians were said to have suffered heavy losses.

The communique reported three hit and run raids by Egyptian Spitfires in the Tel-Aviv area, before noon. There were four raids yesterday. The communique did not confirm a report that one Egyptian plane was shot down in today's second raid.

Radio reports from the Jordan Valley said the Arab Legion of King Abdullah was shelling the town of Gesher, south of the Sea of Galilee. An attack by armoured cars was repulsed by the Jewish defenders, who destroyed two Arab vehicles.—United Press.

TRUCE TALKS FAIL

Amman, May 17.—Members of the United Nations Security Council truce delegation failed today in an effort to get the Arab leaders to agree to a truce for Jerusalem which they reported was a scene of wild battle. They said the Jews in the old city surrendered to the Arab forces but that the Jews controlled the rest of the city which is under Arab shell fire.

They reported that irregulars under the Arab commander Fawzi al-Kuwakbi, are shelling the holy city from positions around it and said that hell has broken loose inside it with the Jews and Arabs banging away at each other ever since the British left.

The delegation members are the Belgian Consul General, Jean Nieuwenhuys, chairman of the Truce Commission and Pablo Azcarate who is Mr. Trygve Lie's personal envoy in Palestine. They came to plead with King Abdullah and the league's secretary, Azzam Pasha, to agree for a truce in Palestine.

Snipers in Jerusalem shot at and damaged Nieuwenhuys' car, and seriously injured his driver as they picked their way through the street's city yesterday to meet the French and United States Consuls General. They came to Amman by taxi and enroute picked up as escort two Arab Legion riflemen for protection.

HOPE NOT ABANDONED

The delegation had scant success but they have not abandoned hope of a truce for Jerusalem.

The delegation said that both sides are respecting the Red Cross flag flying on the King David Hotel, but little else is being spared by withering fire through the city.

The delegation saw King Abdullah and Azzam, but failed to reach any conclusive results in their efforts to halt destruction and bloodshed.

They went back toward Jerusalem wearily for more hours of discussions under trying conditions.

The situation is further complicated by the fact that it is not clear who has real influence among the Arabs to order a cease fire.

The majority of the Arabs fighting within Jerusalem are supporters of the Grand Mufti. Kuwaki recently was given orders to transfer his command to the Trans-Jordan High Command. It is officially confirmed today that King Abdullah has conferred the title of Pasha—knighthood—on Kuwaki.

The truce commission was trying to contact all of them.

ABDULLAH'S WARNING

King Abdullah meanwhile has issued a proclamation warning all illegal Arab parties and groups within Palestine that they would be punished and asserted that the Arab High Command is the only proper administrative force in the holy land.

Political sources interpreted this as an attack against the Arab Higher Committee of Palestine which King Abdullah ordered to be disbanded as unrepresentative. King Abdullah is determined to crack the Mufti's authority and reportedly has refused overtures at compromise with him.

It is reported that Hassan Salamah, named by the Mufti as the Arab irregular commander in the Jaffa area, is under protective custody at Amman where he was brought from Palestine.—United Press.

ACTION AT ACRE

Tel-Aviv, May 17.—Haganah fighters drove today into Acre, the ancient Arab city 12 miles north of Haifa. Their commander said an estimated 4,000 Arabs were penned in the ancient walled city.

The commander said his forces were in complete control of the highway through the city—a key to Jewish communication, by road to northern settlements. Acre is just outside of the territory of Israel as defined by the United Nations partition plan.

Earlier, Haganah reported successes against invading Arab forces in Northeastern Israel. Tel-Aviv underwent its third straight day of enemy air attack.

Geser was reported previously under enemy air bombardment and artillery fire after its defenders refused a surrender ultimatum.

North of the Sea of Galilee, Haganah claimed the capture of the police station of Nebu Yusha. This is two miles east of Malliya, the town on the Lebanese border which was attacked on the first day of the proclamation of the Jewish state.

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STALIN WILLING TO TALK

Will Negotiate With U.S. On Basis Of Wallace Letter

London, May 17.—Prime Minister Josef Stalin said tonight Russia is ready, if the United States is willing, to negotiate the differences between the two nations on the basis of recent proposals to him by Henry A. Wallace.

Prime Minister Stalin was replying to Mr. Wallace's "open letter" which the Third Party Presidential candidate addressed to the Russian Prime Minister at a recent political rally in New York. Stalin's answer was broadcast by the Moscow radio and distributed here by the Soviet monitor.

"I do not know whether the United States government approves of Mr. Wallace's programme as a basis for agreement between the USSR and the United States," Stalin said. "As far as the government of the USSR is concerned, it considers that Mr. Wallace's programme could serve as a good and fruitful basis for such an agreement and for the development of international co-operation."

INADEQUATE EXCHANGES

Prime Minister Stalin contrasted Mr. Wallace's detailed proposals for settling major Russian-American differences with the "inadequacy" of the diplomatic exchanges between the two governments begun on May 4. At that time, U.S. Ambassador Walter B. Smith and Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov talked in Moscow on US-Soviet relations.

"The important meaning of the (Wallace's) open letter consists in the fact that it does not limit itself to a declaration of intent, but goes further, makes a serious step forward and gives a concrete programme for the peaceful settlement of differences between the USSR and the United States," Stalin said.

Stalin termed Mr. Wallace's letter "the most important document" among "the political documents of recent times which have the consolidation of peace as their aim."

The letter, he said, did not embrace all the points of differences between the two major powers and it could not be said that certain parts of it "do not need to be improved."

WALLACE'S PROPOSALS

Stalin listed Wallace's proposals as:
1.—A general reduction of armaments and the prohibition of atomic weapons.
2.—Conclusion of peace treaties with Japan and Germany and the question of evacuation of troops from those countries.
3.—Evacuation of troops from China and Korea.
4.—The respect for the sovereignty

of individual countries—and non-interference in their internal affairs.
5.—The inadmissibility of military bases in member countries of the United Nations.
6.—World development of international trade, excluding any sort of discrimination in the framework of United Nations assistance to, and economic restoration of, countries which suffered in the war.
7.—The defence of Democracy and ensuring of the civil rights in all countries, and so on," Stalin added.
—Associated Press.

Charged With Strangling His Wife

London, May 17.—Alice Tindal, 31, pleaded innocent at the Cambridge Assizes court today to the strangulation murder of her 22-year-old wife, whom his mother described as "lovely to look at but moon drunk."

Prosecutor Gilbert Beyfus charged that Tindal strangled his wife Frances after she threatened to take their baby and leave him.

Beyfus introduced an alleged statement by Tindal saying: "I couldn't stand it any longer. I just found myself on the couch. The baby was crying."

After Tindal had pleaded his mother told the court:
"I wanted to love her. She is so lovely to look at when she is all right, but when she is not all right she is like someone moon drunk."

Questioned by the court when her late daughter-in-law was most affected, Mrs. Tindal said: "Moon drunk, I dreamed moon times."—United Press.

Day-Long Battle

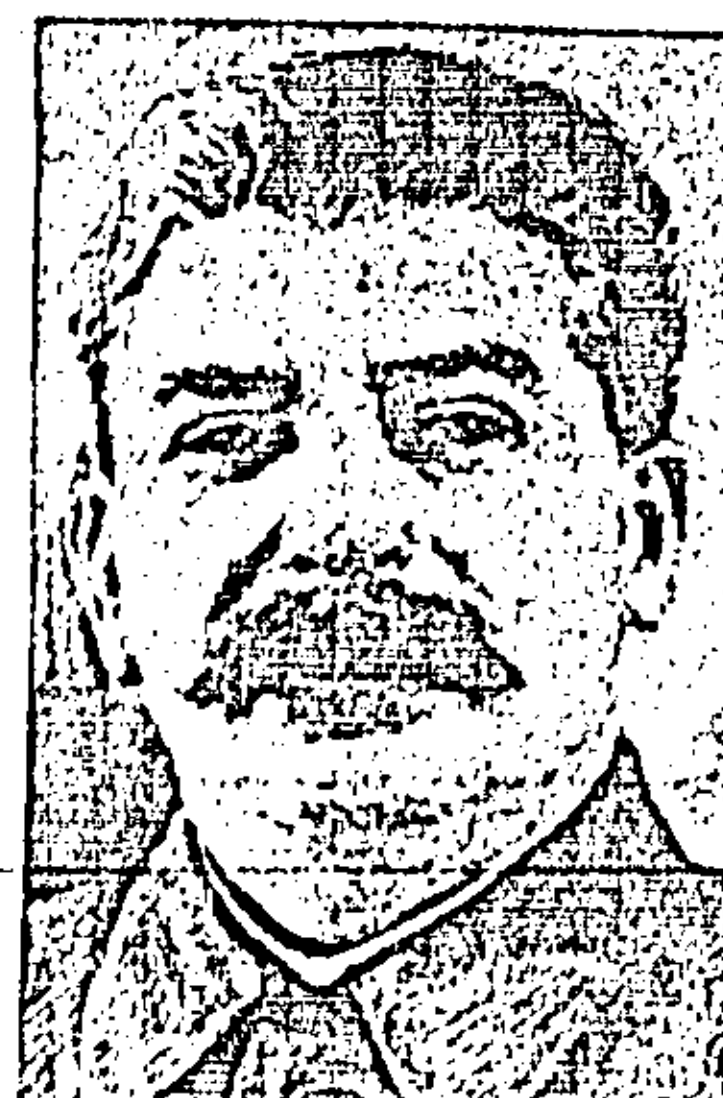
Athens, May 17.—Greek forces waged a day-long battle against guerrillas attacking two Eastern Macedonian villages, tonight's Greek General Staff communique said. The guerrillas withdrew after Army reinforcements had arrived from Drama, including air support.—Reuter.

Tiglon Born In Zoo



Mrs. Joseph L. Sloan, wife of the superintendent of Salt Lake City parks, holds a rare tiglon cub born at Salt Lake zoo to Daisie, female tiger. Father is Huey, a lion. The tiglon is believed to be first such hybrid to be born in United States.—AP Wirephoto.

He's Ready To Negotiate



JOSEF STALIN

Search For Polk's Murderers

Athens, May 17.—The Salonika public prosecutor said today a reward of 25,000,000 drachmas (about £150) would be given to anyone discovering or contributing to the discovery of the murderers of Mr. George Polk, the American radio correspondent.

Mr. Polk's body was washed up on the shore at Salonika yesterday. During a search of Mr. Polk's hotel rooms, the public prosecutor found a letter written by the correspondent to a friend in New York saying he had been trying ever since last December to contact General Markos, the guerrilla leader, to record an interview.—Reuter.

Britain Enjoys Brilliant Whitsuntide

London, May 17.—The warmest and sunniest Whit Monday in 38 years today sent millions of Britons to seaside resorts and the suburban countryside.

Other thousands flocked to London, a man experienced in the fuel ministry, he travelled more than 20 miles on the highway of Leicester without seeing a single car.

A crowded London transport train caught fire near Acton central station. Scores of persons on the train fled the children along the tracks while the fire brigade fought the blaze for 10 minutes before bringing it under control.

By noon nearly 500 extra buses have been put into service in London and every available piece of equipment readied for the expected evening crush when out-towners begin returning.

The Air Ministry said: "This is the warmest and sunniest early Whitsun since the beginning of the Ministry. Figures are well above saying 'this scandal of empty roads' could have been avoided if it had

ATOMIC TEST BIG SUCCESS

White House Issues Statement

Washington, May 17.—The White House said today that the recent atomic weapons test "was successful in all respects and indicated very substantial progress." The White House statement said the tests involved three atomic weapons.

The White House statement was issued after an oral report by the Atomic Energy Commission on the recent atomic tests at Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands in the Pacific.

It said: "The first series of the tests are now completed. The Commission reported that the tests, involving three atomic weapons, each of improved design, were successful in all respects, and that the results indicate very substantial progress."

"The President gave general approval of the Commission's plans for the steps it proposed to initiate at once for further nuclear development, based upon information gained from the tests."

The statement said the tests were made under the security provisions of the Atomic Energy Act and the scientific and technical results could not at present be made public.

A MILESTONE

It added that statements of acknowledging personnel services would be made by the military and scientific leaders on their return to Honolulu tomorrow.

After a meeting of the Commission with the President, Mr. Lillenthal, head of the Commission, said: "We reported in some detail on the results of the tests which are a milestone in atomic development."

The Commission's report was mainly concerned with the recent atom tests at Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific.

Further statements by scientists would be made when the joint task force, which has been conducting the Eniwetok experiments, reached Honolulu tomorrow, Mr. Lillenthal said.

Mr. Lillenthal added that over 10,000 people, representing the Army, Air Force, and civilian scientific interests, were involved in the joint tests at Eniwetok.

The White House said: "The area of the proving ground, as previously defined, remains closed to all unauthorized persons."—Reuter.

Police Clash With Strikers

Detroit, May 17.—Two policemen were injured today in fist fighting and stone-throwing outside one of the 16 Chrysler motor factories involved in a six-day old strike here.

A new strike, involving 50 General Motors Corporation factories employing 225,000 workers, was threatened today.

The injured police were taken to hospital. Extra guards of state police were called to help local police quell the first major violence of the strike.

Mr. T. A. Johnstone, the Acting Director of the General Motors Division of the United Automobile Workers, said here that there was "a very good possibility" of a walkout of 225,000 men on May 28, when their present contract expires.—Reuter.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



KEY TO NEW ATOM SECRETS?—Howard L. Schultz of Yale University, adjusts the new atom-smashing linear accelerator. Yale physicists already have attained energies of one million volts in the new machine, and expect it to unlock new atom secrets.



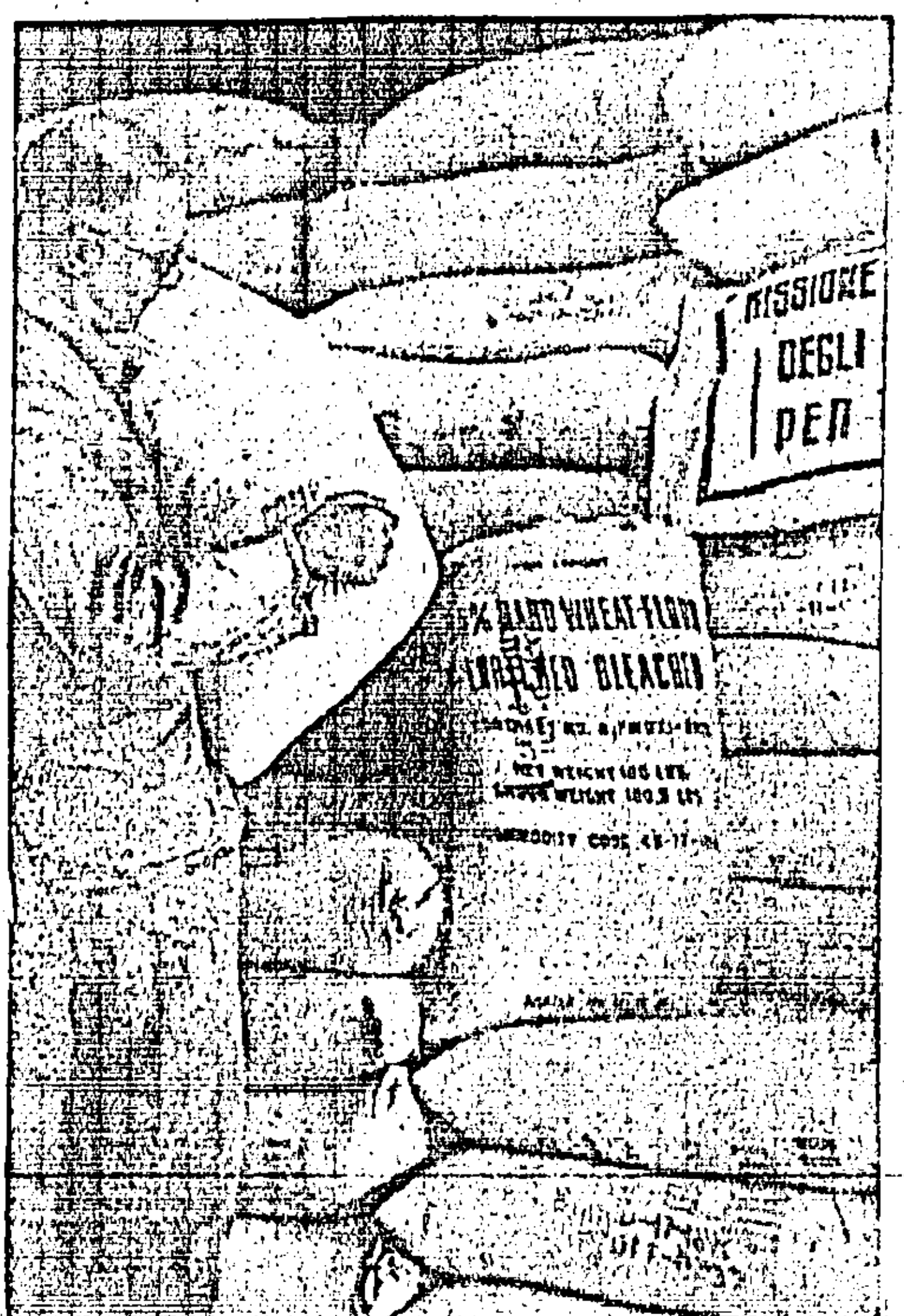
DIFFERENT OUTLOOK—Sid Caesar, now young stage comedian, is seeing Broadway from a different side now. He used to be doorman at a Times Square theatre; now he is the star of a new musical show.



DOUBLE TREAT—Single control of double trouble is this duo-stroller designed by Joseph Etzkin of Milwaukee for twin sons Michael and Allan. Here they are pushed by big brother Steven.



FRIENDLY RELATIONS—Prince Charles, Regent of Belgium, is welcomed by President Truman on the White House porch. The Prince was previously greeted with full military ceremony and remained an overnight guest of the President.



FLOUR FOR TRIESTE—A worker stacks flour from the U. S. in a Trieste storage building for future use by residents of the tiny Free Territory. This shipment is enough to make sufficient white bread for 10 days.



RETURN OF THE FULL DRESS—The colourful scarlet tunics and glossy bearskins of the Brigade of Guards will be seen again in London. Londoners will see the Guards in full dress for the first time since 1939 at the Trooping of the Colours on June 10, the King's official birthday. Shown here is a Company Quartermaster Sergeant's uniform.



"MISS PACIFIC" is the title Sydney model Nola Rose received when she won the Australian Surf Girl Contest. She received a money prize, a complete wardrobe and a holiday in Honolulu.



BEGGAR—Squatting on her ample haunches and with claws together as if in prayer, Susie, polar bear at the London Zoo, goes into her favourite routine for getting tidbits from visitors. The appealing act brings results.

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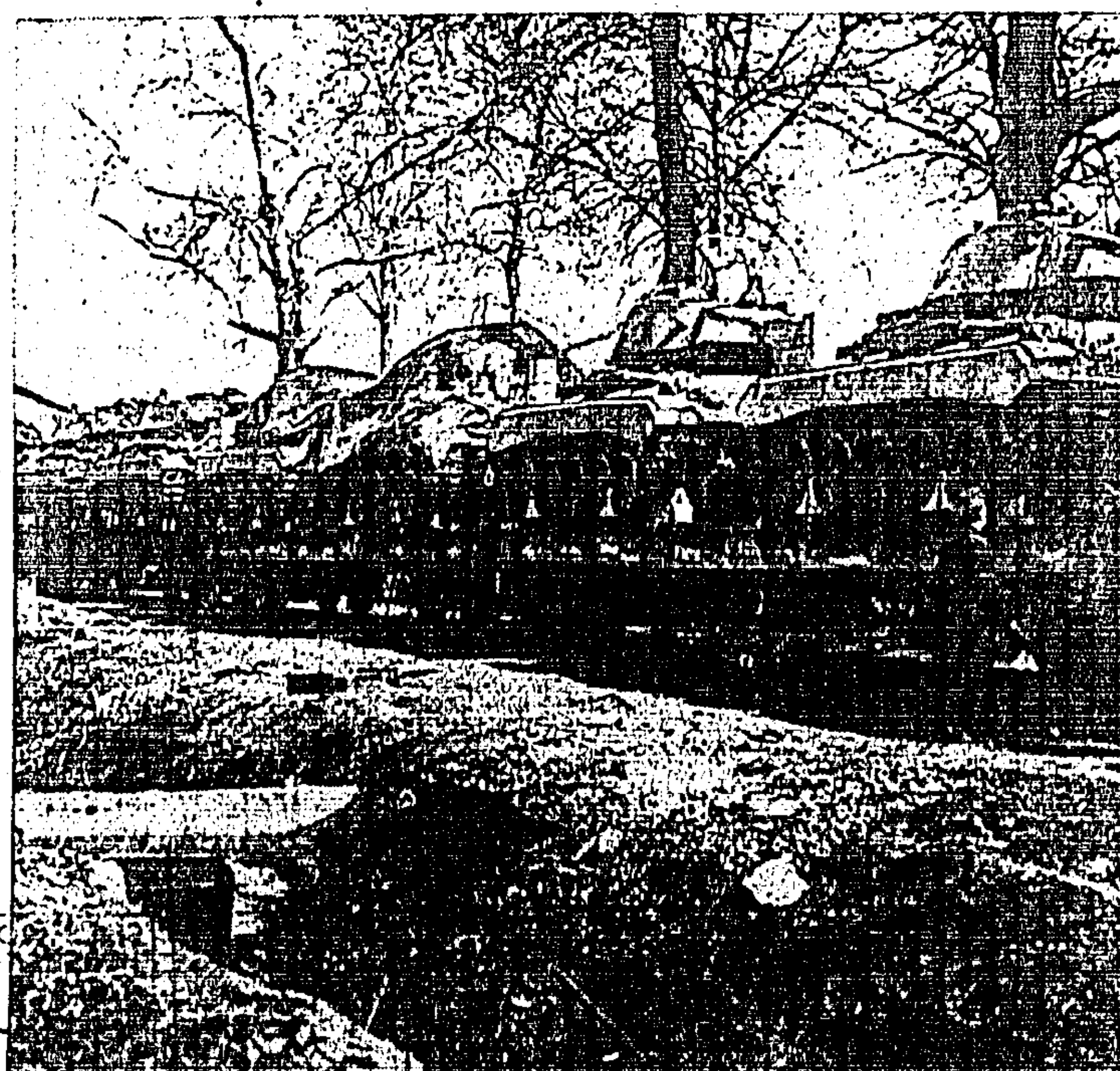
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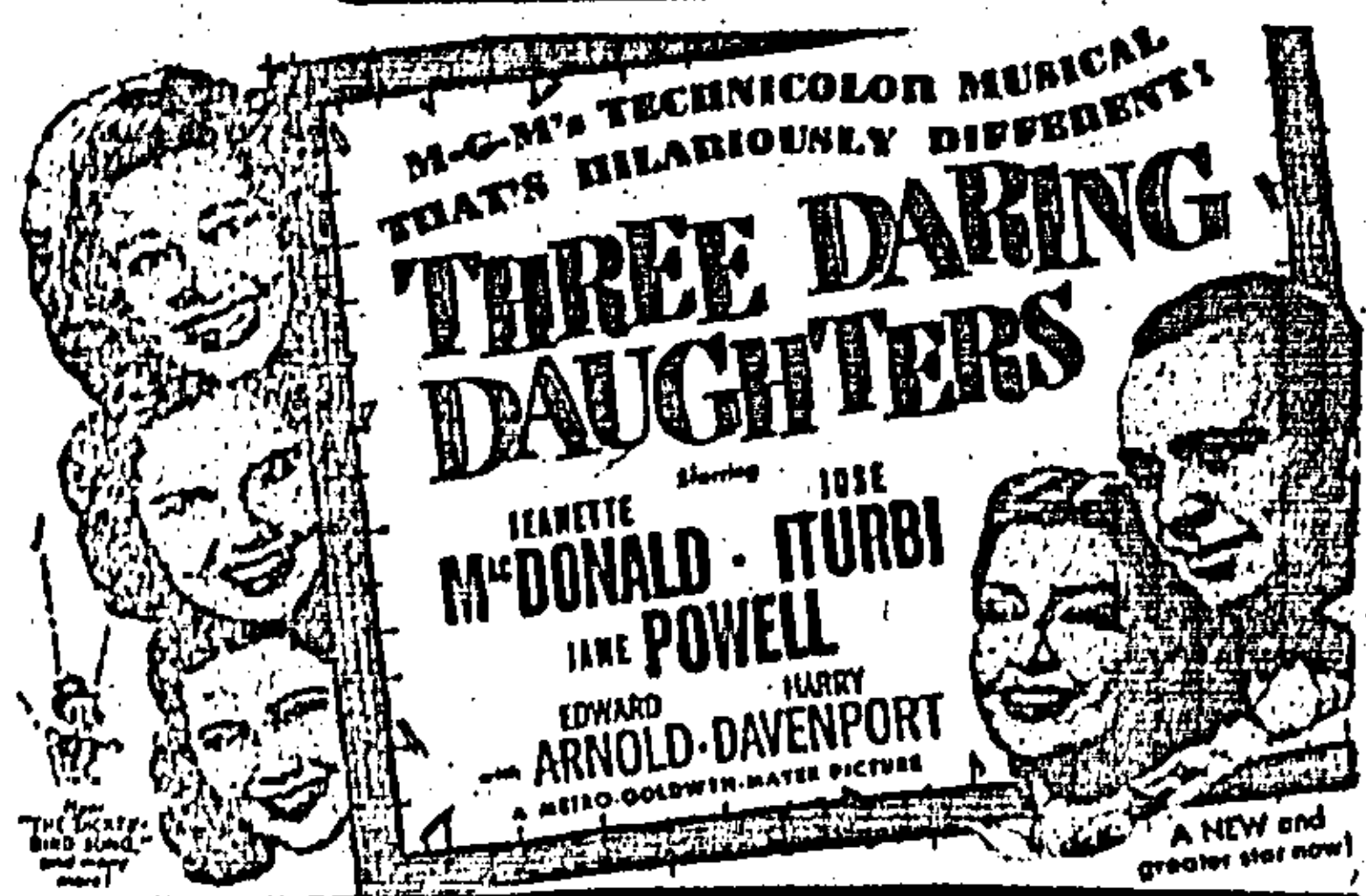
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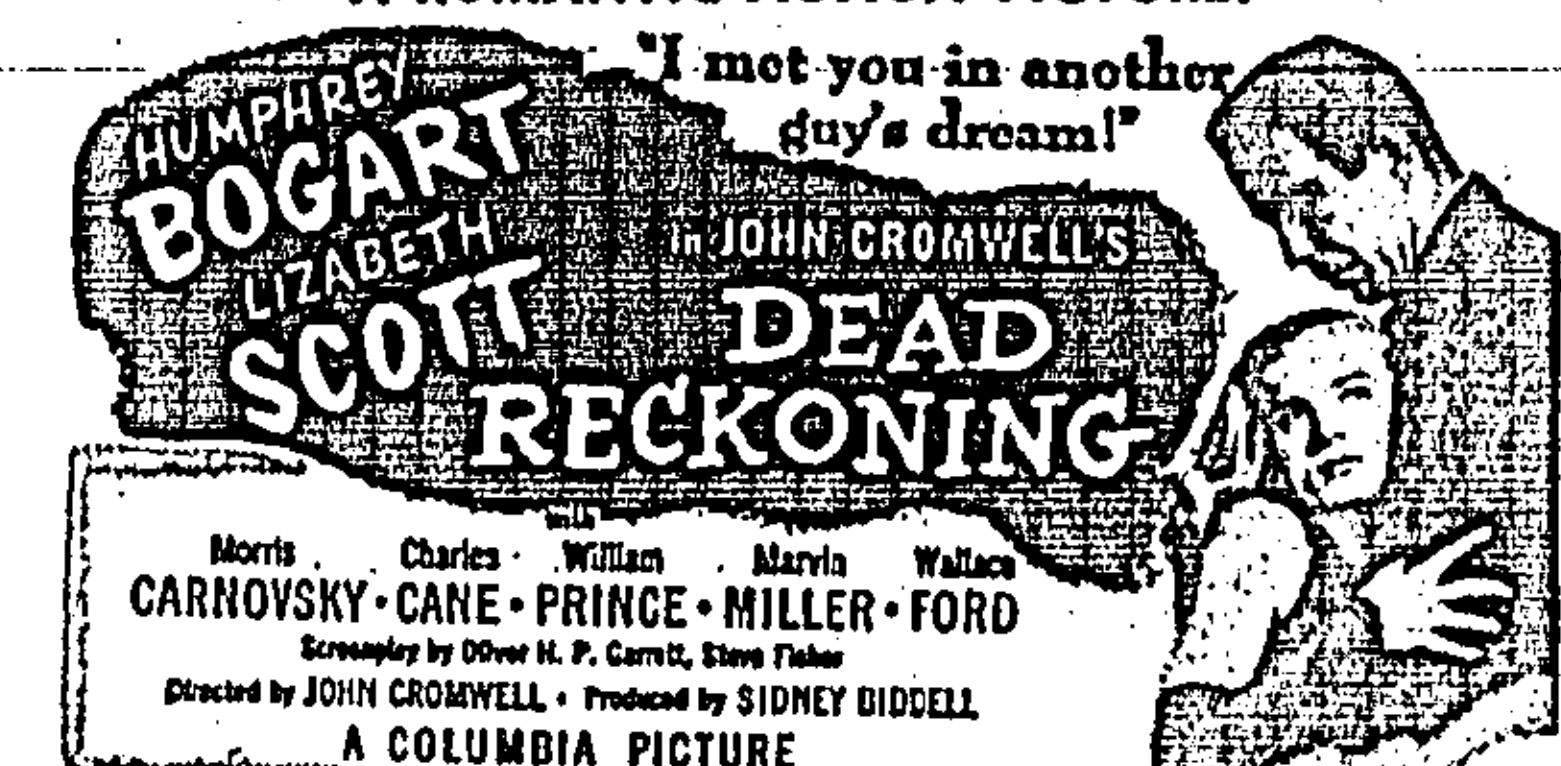
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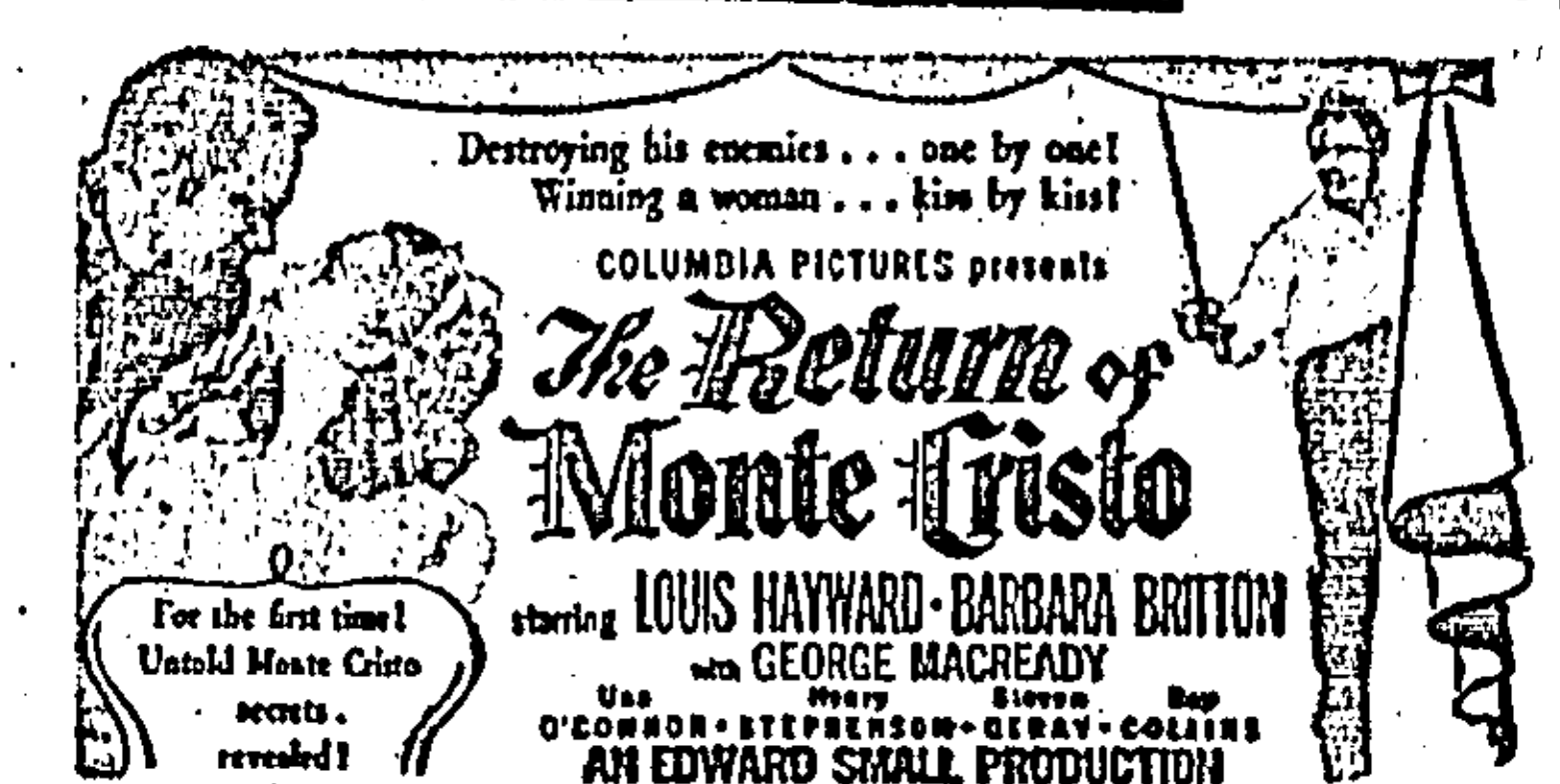


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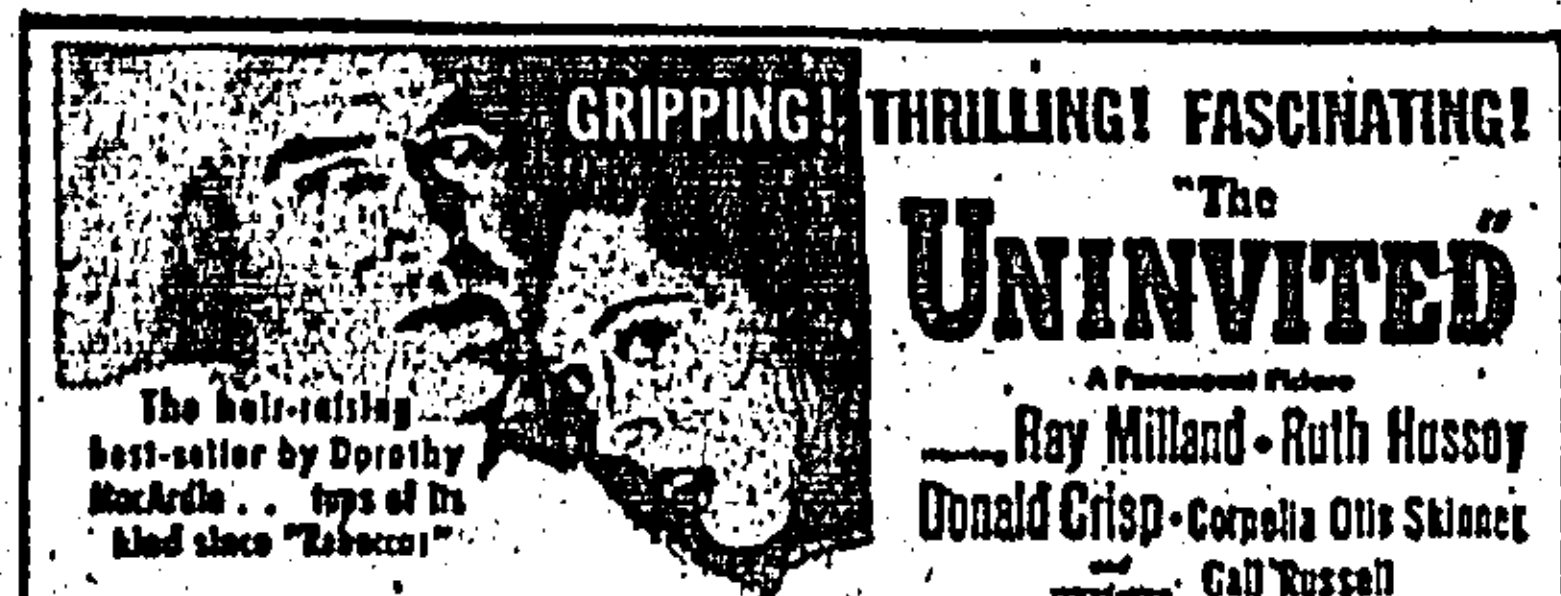
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They Sought Out The Treasures

A PIECE of fossilised brown bone, something like a mis-shapen coconut shells, rests in a cardboard box in a small villa of the German University town of Bonn.

It is the Neanderthal Skull, two pounds of bone without price, which the British Army recovered from its wartime hiding-place.

The skull was found by a German professor in 1856 in a chalk pit near the hamlet of Neanderthal. Its discovery opened the door to a new scientific examination of the development of man and is the basis on which much of our knowledge of prehistory rests.

Other skulls—the Peking Man, the Java Man, the Piltdown Man—found at a later date added to the store of knowledge, but Pithecanthropus Neanderthalensis was the oldest of them all.

Science probed the ground around the chalk pit and added chapter after chapter to the story. Pith Nean had a museum built for him and was housed in splendour.

Then he disappeared from his old haunts and eventually turned up at Bonn, where he remained until 1939 when he was evacuated. First he went to live in an ancient Westphalian castle. From there, carefully packed in a wooden crate, he went to another German castle. Three or more transfers followed until, towards the end of the war, he was buried in a deep bunker at Siegen, in the Rhineland.

60,000 Years' Old

While battles raged, the skull, more than 60,000 years old, remained undisturbed—and forgotten. With the surrender of Germany, men had time to think again about Pith Nean, but no one knew where he was. British Army Intelligence were told that he had been sold during the war for an astronomical sum to a collector who was flaunting over him in secret.

Then one fine day, recently, an Army truck drew up at the Bonn Museum and a bored driver asked for a signature for a "few boxes" he had collected from the Americans for delivery to the Curator.

The Curator, Dr. Edward Neuffer, signed and took the boxes into his office. Inside, one he found Pith Nean, safe and sound.

"So I put him in my cupboard," he said. "He's safe enough there. He can't be sold on the Black Market."

At Neanderthal, Pith Nean's original home, the museum is visited by numbers of troops who also inspect the two "ice-age" horses and the herd of bison which roam the valley.

The horses, direct descendants of those which roamed Europe and Asia more than 60,000 years ago, are pot-bellied, shaggy-coated, long-tailed beasts with massive heads. They crop contentedly in the valley, utterly indifferent to visitors. There are only 15 others left in the world—mostly in Russia.

Around them mills a herd of wild bison, from whose ancestors all the world's cattle developed. They are fierce, untamed and ready to attack at the drop of a hat. The valley

In the wake of the British armies, from the first campaigns in North Africa to the last battles in Germany, went anxious experts on fine arts, monuments and archives, striving to safeguard the treasures of history: the ancient pillars and mosaics of Libya, the galleries and masterpieces of Italy, the museums and church relics of Germany.

In Italy and Germany art treasures were dispersed and hidden as the war neared. This article tells how a British team in Germany sought out the hidden valuables to prevent their deterioration, loss by smuggling or unauthorised sale.

By JOHN HUGHES

In which they live is wild, gloomy, hemmed in by lowering hills, watered by a roaring river which races to join the Rhine again.

The Neanderthal Skull has no market value; it belongs to mankind.

In the same class are some of the items in the vast array of art treasures which the British Army has been recovering for the last two years, from German castles, mines, deep air-raid shelters and remote dwellings in the forests. Unofficially and irreverently, this project (now in its last stages) has been known as Operation Rattle.

If art can be measured by the ton it is correct to say that 1,800 tons of the most prized paintings, statues, church relics and holy images have now been tracked down, collected and stored until the churches, art galleries and museums from which they came can find them again.

The job began when Major H. Murray-Ballie of the Intelligence Corps and Majors L. G. Perry and K. E. Steer, all peace-time art experts, were ordered to trace the treasure which the Germans removed for safety from the big towns.

Huge Dumps

With a dozen trucks and about 20 men at his disposal, Major Murray-Ballie got to work sifting masses of information, checking rumours, questioning hundreds of Germans, and maintaining contact with the Americans who had huge dumps of recovered art treasures in Bavaria.

Officials of the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Division of the Control Commission, with Mr S.F.C. Hartley—one of the foremost experts on German church treasures—at their head, worked with Major Murray-Ballie, establishing exactly what had come from where. Sometimes the hiding-places were well-

high inaccessible, as when a convoy had to be backed three miles up a steep cart track barely wide enough to take the trucks, to reach the castle in which pictures and ancient manuscripts had been stored.

Another time a bunker dug into a hill and facing an ideal parking site was found to contain some long-sought examples of French painting. When Major L. G. Perry arrived to collect them he found that the American Army had cleared the site and established a gun park. The American battery commander took quite a lot of persuading before he agreed to move out his 155's and allowed the pictures to be taken to the main collecting castle at Grevenbroich, in the Rhineland.

In this castle until recently guarded by a company of the Black Watch, are housed such famous pictures as Rembrandt's "Self-Portrait," Renold's "Mr and Mrs Sisley," and works by Rubens, Gauguin and Van Gogh.

The castle is also the temporary home of Essen Cathedral's 11th Century Madonna. This figure of wood, plated with gold, is perhaps the finest example of church statuary of that period in existence.

"No value can be placed on it or other relics of a past age," said Mr Hartley. "It might be worth £500,000 or £50; it all depends on one's sense of artistic values."

Among the other treasures recovered are statues of St Ursula and the "11,000 virgins" from the Church of St Ursula in Cologne.

An Englishwoman

St Ursula was an English woman who in the seventh or eighth century set out from Britain on a pilgrimage to Rome with 11 virgins. She was killed at Cologne by the Huns and her companions massacred. By a monk's error the number of the virgins grew from 11 to 11,000—possibly an early Goebbels thought that a thousand-fold exaggeration had greater propaganda value.

A curious confirmation of the story came to light recently when workmen clearing the site of blitzed St Ursula's Church found 12 graves in the foundations. Opened by officials of the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Division, they were found to contain the bones of 12 women, dead these many hundred years.

Apart from art treasures Major Murray-Ballie and his assistants have recovered the archives and registers of many German provinces and towns. Also discovered were valuable old Biblical manuscripts, including a beautiful Codex of the Gospels, written in the 10th century. Its gold leaf decorations and its Imperial purple borders are as fresh today as when they were lined by a devoted band of monks more than 1,000 years ago.

Of all these things, only two pieces were damaged in transit, although the only packing was the Army blankets.

Many of the paintings require restoration because the Germans had stored them badly.

"Now that we have recovered the treasures it is up to the Germans to restore them to condition," said Mr Hartley.

90 Britons tell the story of trigger-happy Palestine

'Don't go out until it stops shelling'

MISS ELLI KERN, 41-year-old house matron of the Bishop Gobat School, was one of the party to arrive at London Airport in the last three civilian evacuation planes out of Palestine. She had not slept for four nights because of the noise of bombs and explosions.

A week before she had to leave her school, which sits on Mount Zion in the Arab section of Jerusalem. There were only a few pupils left anyway, because few of her 90 boy boarders came back after the Christmas holidays.

After dark

All the windows and doors of the school, which faced a Jewish quarter, had been blown out by mortar bombs. Miss Kern packed up. She put all her furniture, books, and bedding into three rooms and bricked them up.

Then she left, with two suitcases of personal clothing, for the shelter of St George's Cathedral buildings in Jerusalem.

Miss Kern did her last shopping in the Holy Land. She walked to the shops 15 minutes away in Mamillah Road, passing three road-blocks. Each time her identity was checked. Spinneys, the big store, was no longer open; Cook's Tours had closed. The Arab workpeople are too frightened to go to work. More shops are closing each day.

Barclays Bank, heavily guarded, was open. "Everybody pushed. They don't know what an orderly queue is," said Miss Kern. "I drew five English pounds to come home. The Arabs, scared that the bank would close, tried to draw all their money." As she left the bank, shooting started 200 yards away.

The telephone at the school has worked on only four days since Christmas. Each time the line was repaired it was either cut or blown up.

Postmen were afraid to go to the school, tradesmen would not deliver their bills. Only the millman risked the journey on a donkey.

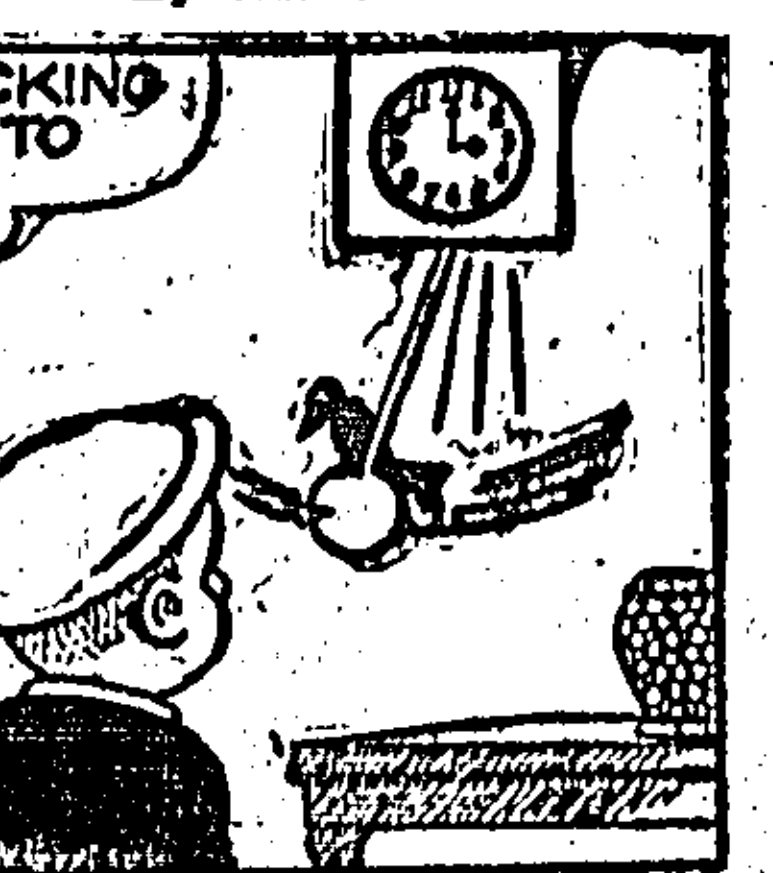
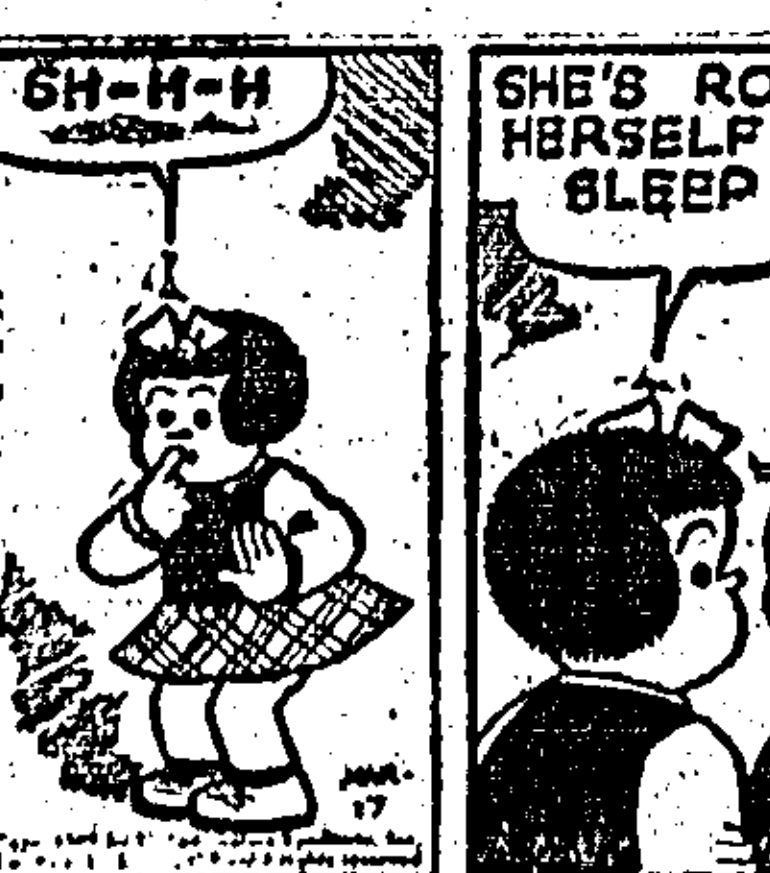
Prices rise

MR F. R. MASON went home to Leverstock Green, Herts. A week before he was in the

That is the story of the 90 who went home. Many have sunk their lives trying to weld Arab and Jew. For them it was heartbreak. They left Palestine, hating their failure yet glad to be out.



NANCY Swing Time



By Ernie Bushmiller



APPEAL AGAINST DAMAGES

Air Line Complains Of Excessive Award

An appeal against assessment by the Chief Justice of \$145,000 damages for the Hongkong-Canton Export Co., Ltd. against the Far Eastern Air Transport Incorporated was brought before the Full Court, comprising Mr Justice Gould and Mr Justice Reynolds, this morning. The plaintiffs originally claimed \$187,972.

The appellants were represented by Mr Leo d'Almada, KC, instructed by Mr F. I. Zimmern and the respondents were represented by Mr H. G. Sheldon, KC, instructed by Mr F. S. C. Brooks.

The action in the first place was for breach of contract, and damages were assessed by Mr Justice Williams on March 6.

Mr d'Almada said that the grounds of the appeal were against the amount of damages awarded because they were excessive and he asked for the damages to be varied.

BASIC FIGURE
After dealing at length with figures given for freight and fares covered by the period for which damages were awarded, Mr d'Almada submitted that the Court should ignore the question of freight and should only consider passenger fares in computing the damages. For that purpose, Mr d'Almada asked the Court to look only for figures in competitive lines because non-competitive lines, operated on different routes, gave no indication whatsoever of income earned.

Mr d'Almada submitted that the basic figure arrived at for the calculation of damages would not be \$187,000 but \$175,000, and to take the figures for the last four months of 1947 was misleading.

In conclusion, Mr d'Almada submitted that in arriving at the damages the Trial Judge could not have given consideration to the important fact that in 1947 there was considerable reduction of fares which necessarily affected earnings.

Submitting that the damages awarded were excessive, Mr Sheldon said that the original application by Mr d'Almada to be heard on damages was brought in late, as the case had then ended. It was a big concession and was granted by the Chief Justice out of a desire to be just.

Mr Sheldon said the appellant's representative was, then about to arrive in the Colony, and was appointing that he did not assist the Court on the subject of damages. Judgment was reserved.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DISPUTE

Elections Upheld

An application by certain members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for an interim injunction to restrain the Chamber of Commerce from holding an election to elect a new President was refused by the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice Williams, at the Supreme Court this morning. The application was brought by Messrs Lai Yuen-shuen, Hsu Ching-lam, Lam Hui-tak, Tsai Ching-yun, Chiu Yiu-wah, Yung Sai-fong and Chu Sai-chung, members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. Mr H. G. Sheldon, KC, and Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr P. L. Lam, appeared for the plaintiffs, and the defendants were unrepresented.

ALLEGED BREACH OF ARTICLE
Mr Sheldon said the application was made under Section 582 of the Code and was supported by two affidavits, of which one was by Hsu Ching-lam. After reading the affidavit, in which Hsu gave his reasons, Counsel submitted that there was a plain breach of Article 32 of the Articles of Association of the Chamber if the election proceeded, as the Article laid down that such an election could not be held after the end of April. The proper procedure of holding a meeting for the purpose of altering the Articles should have been followed, but was not.

Refusing the application, his Lordship said he was not in favour of ex-parte applications being granted unless it was well within the terms of the law as laid down. He proposed to let the election go forward in the ordinary way and to let the other side oppose the application if they would. If the Court then decided that the defendants were wrong, then the Supervisory Committee would be washed out.

The Chief Justice added that he did not think that any irreparable damage would be done by allowing the Committee to be elected.

Caught With Opium

Arrested as a result of a routine search on board a bus in Chatham Road on Tuesday night, Chung Man, 38, a travelling trader with no Hongkong address, was fined \$250 or six weeks by Mr Latimer at Kowloon today for the possession of 2.5 tael of raw opium.

PAULA By DENNIS WHEATLEY

Paula and Meadows walk into a studio romance. Cherry the stand-in and the make-up expert are in love.



Hard Labour & Cane For Armed Robbers

BUS HOLD-UP IN NT RECALLED

An armed robbery on board a lorry bus on its way from Kowloon to the New Territories on January 23 last was recalled before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice Williams, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when three men, Li Luk, 26, Wong Kwai-mui, 26, and Lee Yat-on were charged with armed robbery, and Li Luk was additionally charged with possession of a Luger pistol and 16 rounds of ammunition. They pleaded guilty to the counts.

Mr A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, who prosecuted, assisted by Sub-Inspector W. J. Wall, said that about 11 a.m. on January 23, some passengers who had boarded the bus forced the driver to stop at a certain point when they were joined by others who came from the hillsides. The whole band comprised seven persons, of whom five were armed.

While they were in the process of robbing the passengers and the crew of the bus, a party of Police on leave passed by, but unfortunately they were unarmed. On the approach of the Police, the gang fled into the hills.

ALREADY CONVICTS
On March 19, acting on information, the Police arrested two of the men, and they led them to the third. The property involved in the robbery was not very considerable.

aided Counsel, but it might well have been had the robbers not been interrupted.

Mr Lonsdale produced a previous conviction against Li Luk for assault occasioning actual bodily harm. He also informed the Court that both Li and Wong were at present serving sentences of six months' hard labour for demanding money with menaces, an offence they committed between the time of the robbery and their arrest.

His Lordship sentenced Li and Wong to ten years' hard labour and to 10 strokes each, the sentences to date concurrently with their present terms, and Lee to nine years' hard labour and 10 strokes of the cane.

On the count of possession of arms and ammunition, Li was given a further three years' hard labour and ordered to receive another 10 strokes of the cane.

The pistol and ammunition were ordered to be confiscated.

Three Months For Student Pick Pocket
A 17-year-old student, Leung Kwing-fuk, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr Hing-shing Lo at Central this morning for larceny of \$910 from a merchant Poon Pok-chi at the ground floor of No. 53 Shing Wo Road, Happy Valley, on May 13.

Detective Sub-Inspector R. MacKenzie said on the evening of May 13, defendant and the complainant were together. While complainant was playing a game of mahjong, defendant came from behind and extracted the money from his trouser pocket.

Eventually defendant was arrested at the Sun Sun Hotel, Kowloon, and a sum of \$151 was recovered. Defendant bought a suit of new clothing and a pair of new shoes with some of the money.

As a sequel to the case, Hector Summers, 20, of No. 40A Blue Pool Road, was charged with being an accessory after the fact. It was alleged that Summers assisted Leung to escape after knowing that a felony had been committed.

Mr Peter H. Sin appeared for Summers who pleaded not guilty and the case was fixed for hearing on June 16. Defendant was allowed bail of \$2,000.

Hawker's False Information

A hawker, Yu Hong, who claimed, when arrested on Monday for hawking without a licence and obstruction, that a "Crown man" collected daily dues from him, was this morning fined \$200 or two months by Mr Latimer at Kowloon when he admitted a third charge of giving false information.

According to the Sub-Inspector Howarth, Yu's story at the Mongkok Police Station caused the Police to waste a great deal of time. They went him with his wares and two detectives back to Tung Choi Street to await the man whom Yu said took 20 cents from him each day. No collector turned up and Yu's allegation was discovered to be unfounded.

Alleged Illegal Radio Station

Three Chinese, Chan Pui, alias Chan Kin, alias Chan Hoi-tin, 20, operator, Ma Ping-hung, 20, foki, and Tsui Kwok-ching, 20, foki, appeared before Mr d'Almada at Central this morning charged with maintaining a radio communication station and possession of radio communication apparatus.

Mr D. H. B. Grew prosecuted and Mr C. A. S. Russ appeared for defendants.

Mr Russ pleaded guilty to the first charge on behalf of the first defendant and not guilty to all the other charges.

Inspector Hu said on April 19, he raided 200 Lockhart Road, second floor, with a party of Police. A Chinese looked through the peephole and he told him that he was the Police. The Chinese went off without saying anything and it was ten minutes before the door was opened.

HOT RECEIVER
In the first cubicle he found a receiver which was still hot. There were also a code book and message forms. In a drawer in the sitting room a pair of pliers, a screw driver, two telephone wires, some wire and two insulators were found. Message forms were found on the table in second defendant's room. In a locked drawer, were also found account books, a note book and a code book.

A diary was found in third defendant's room, continued witness. There was a telephone which was not registered with the telephone company. The bells had been removed from the telephone. While he was on the premises, a detective recovered two parts of a transmitter from a back lane. Under a pile of firewood in the verandah was found a pair of earphones.

Hearing was adjourned to June 7 at 3.30 p.m.

SMUGGLERS FOILED

Said to be "obviously belonging to a gang of smugglers," two unemployed men were arrested by Police when it was found that they had \$41b of dutiable Chinese tobacco with them. They were taken into custody near the railway bridge at King's Park park on Monday after they had picked up the two parcels containing the tobacco which had been dumped by their confederates from an incoming Canton train to escape the customs search at the KCR terminus.

The defendants, Li Yeung, 28, and Chui Yum, 27, were each given two weeks without the option and the tobacco was ordered to be confiscated by Mr Latimer at Kowloon Court today.

CANE & PRISON FOR SNATCHER

Pleading a weak heart, Wong Ping-kwong, 32, at Kowloon this morning, begged Mr Blair-Kerr not to cane him but to imprison him for snatching a hand-bag off a young girl, H. Azevedo.

"You'll get both," replied the Magistrate, giving him a year and 12 strokes and recommending him for deportation.

Sub-Inspector Howarth said Wong snatched the bag, containing money and articles to the value of \$15, from the girl at a bus stop in Prince Edward Road on Monday. He was arrested after a chase by Mr N. J. Ritchie. Wong had two previous convictions and had been expelled for five years.



Military Truck Driver Fined \$40

Des Voeux Rd. Incident

Pte. J. K. Thomas was fined \$40 by Mr d'Almada at Central this morning for driving a truck without due care and caution at Des Voeux Road on March 3.

Mr Donald Black said that his car was in the outside lane of two lanes of traffic waiting to proceed West along Des Voeux Road. Immediately in front of him was a large Army truck No. A3576. Apparently to give room to a vehicle proceeding along Des Voeux Road in a westerly direction, and without warning or observing whether the way was clear, the Army truck proceeded to back. He sounded his horn but was unable to back as there was a car immediately behind him driven by the acting Postmaster-General, Mr J. H. B. Lee. After striking his car and damaging the rear wing and headlight, the truck moved forward and cut across the inside line of traffic. In the process of his manoeuvre he crashed into a car driven by Mr Mackie, whose car happened to be the first on the inside lane.

BACKS WITHOUT WARNING
The truck then attempted to back again without warning or observing this position, and witness jumped out of his car in anger. As far as time did the driver attempt to move from his seat, from where he had a very poor vision, if any, of what was happening behind. Witness pulled out and entered Des Voeux Road and stopped after fifty yards, intending to get particulars from the driver concerned. Defendant followed into Des Voeux Road and without waiting to enquire the extent of the damage or offer help, proceeded in the direction of Jackson Road.

Defendant said Dr Mackie's car was not visible to him.

Sub-Inspector Si Wai-ming said Dr Mackie has left the Colony and so was unable to attend Court to give evidence.

In fining defendant, Mr d'Almada remarked that since he could not see from the cab, he should exercise more care when driving.

HE FAILED TO ANSWER POLICEMAN'S CALL

The coxswain of the motor boat "Kwun Tong" was fined \$50 or two weeks by Mr Calmes at the Marine Court this morning on each charge of failing to stop when called upon to do so by a Police Officer in uniform, and failing to produce a licence.

Sub-Inspector Nippard reported that he had followed the boat in his launch and repeatedly sounded the K signal, and also signalled with a flashlight, but the boat failed to stop. When he finally caught up with the boat at Causeway Bay, defendant failed to produce his licence. Defendant stated he had not heard the signals, and said that he had been hired by a European.

A representative of the China Construction Company stated that the vessel was frequently being hired by his company, and he himself had on several occasions travelled in the cockpit, where he found that the engine made so much noise it was difficult to hear anything else. Regarding the licence, he stated that the boat was being prepared for survey, and when the final examination was to have been held the boat developed engine trouble. The inspection was now scheduled for tomorrow, as the surveyor had been ill.

Sub-Inspector McCarthy pointed out that the vessel should not have been underway without a special permit from the Marine Department. No attempt had been made to take one out. In reply to questions, Sub-Inspector McCarthy said that some of the signals on the Police launches were not very loud but, this particular one, was quite

WILL STAND PAT ON YUANQUOTA

Shanghai, May 18.—Leaders of the Young China Party were quoted by the China Press today as stating that until further discussions, scheduled to take place at the party's headquarters in Nanking this week, the party will stand pat on the original quota of 80 seats in the Legislative Yuan, assigned to them by the National Government.

They asserted that the Kuomintang had deliberately slammed the door on minority parties in the Legislative Yuan in "a revengeful manner," because the minority parties did not comply with the Kuomintang's wishes in the elections for Vice President.

SELF-RESPECT
One Young China Party leader said that in the Legislative Yuan seating issue his party is upholding the principle of self-respect. He added that political parties should cultivate a sense of mutual co-operation in order to achieve a smoothness in national administration, in which the minority parties had been allowed to take part. During the presidential election, the minority parties obtained the understanding from the Kuomintang that the Young China Party be given 80 seats in the Legislative Yuan, while the Democratic Socialists should get 75 seats. Now, he said, the number of seats in the Yuan for the Young China Party has been cut down to only five.—Reuter.

Jews Launch A Counter-attack

(Continued from Page 1)

Today's air attack on Tel-Aviv came just after dawn. It was aimed apparently at the port area. It was believed only two planes passed over the city. As far as is known or observed in Tel-Aviv the Jews have not yet sent up any fighter defence planes. There is a complete censorship of any reports about a Jewish air force.

Meanwhile, 600 additional Jewish immigrants arrived in the new state. Immigration Minister Moshe Shapira said they were the last who had awaited their turn to enter the Holy Land without British visas. He said about 1,000,000 Jews are ready to immigrate to Israel. Half are in Arab states, with the others in German and Austrian camps, Eastern European countries, the United States and South Africa, he said.

Shapira said Israel plans to organise the immigration of 250,000 Jews during the next two years. Preference will be given youths able to help the war effort.—Associated Press.

CAUSED OBSTRUCTION

The mistress and master of two cargo boats were cautioned for causing an obstruction with their boats at "T" Pier, Kowloon.

Sub-Inspector Davitt reported that on May 10 the President Police was at the Kowloon Wharf, and he was in No. 5 Police Launch keeping a watch on about 25 craft of various types in that area. He saw defendants' boats outside five others alongside the ship, so that free access to "T" Pier was obstructed. It was a frequent occurrence, he said, and complaints had been made by the Star Ferry Co. and by people who wished to embark or disembark at "T" Pier.

Defendants pleaded that they were under way at the time and passing along the side of the ship.

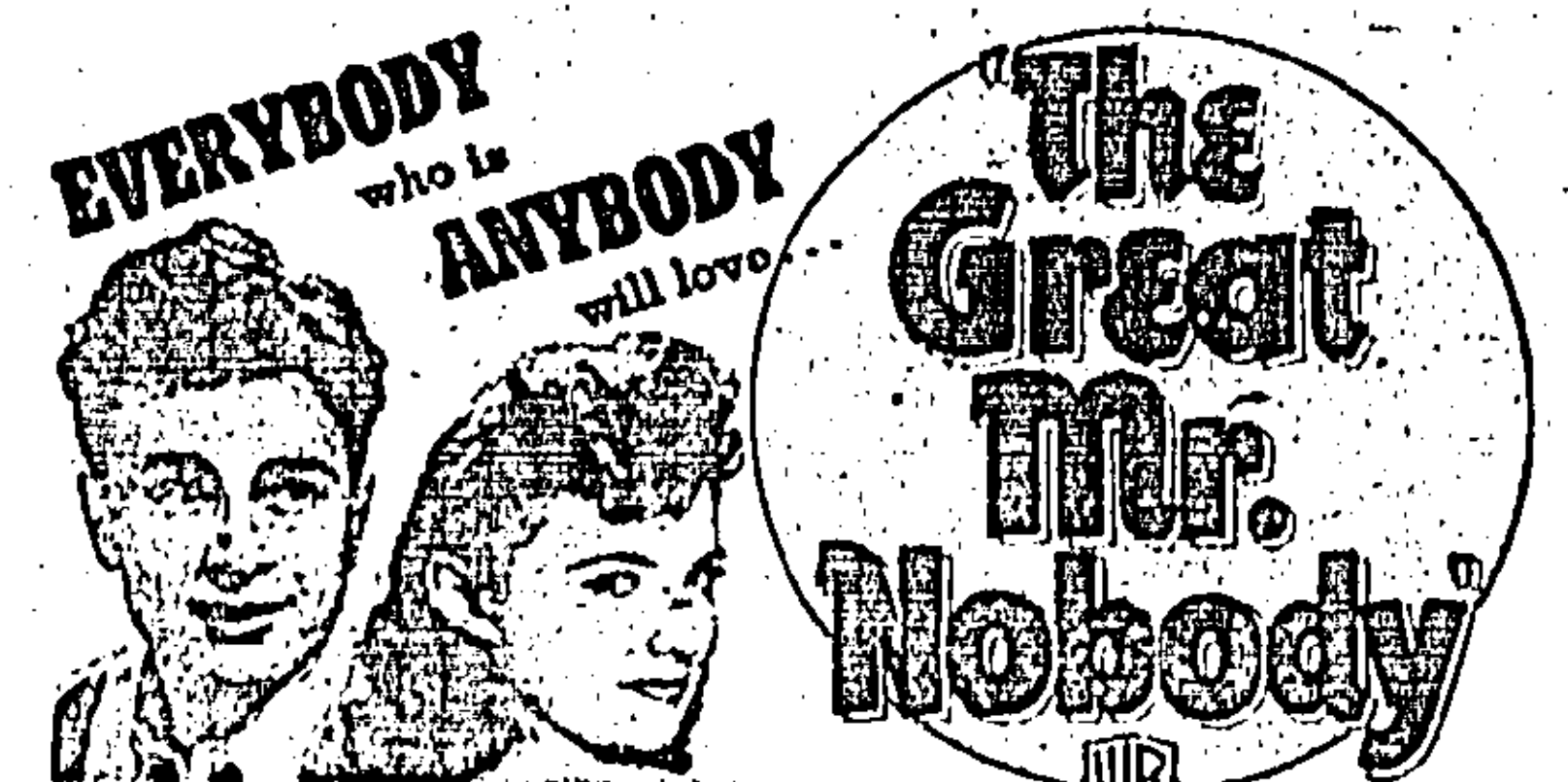
MOORED AT PRIVATE WHARF
The mistress of a Class IV boat was fined \$15 or three days for making fast to the Hoe On Wharf (a private pier) without permission of the owner. Defendant pleaded that it was too late to return to the Yumai Shelter and she decided to remain at the wharf.

The master of a small sampan was cautioned for failing to take out a licence, when he pleaded that he had only bought the boat about 20 days ago, and had come to Hongkong on Saturday to take out a licence.

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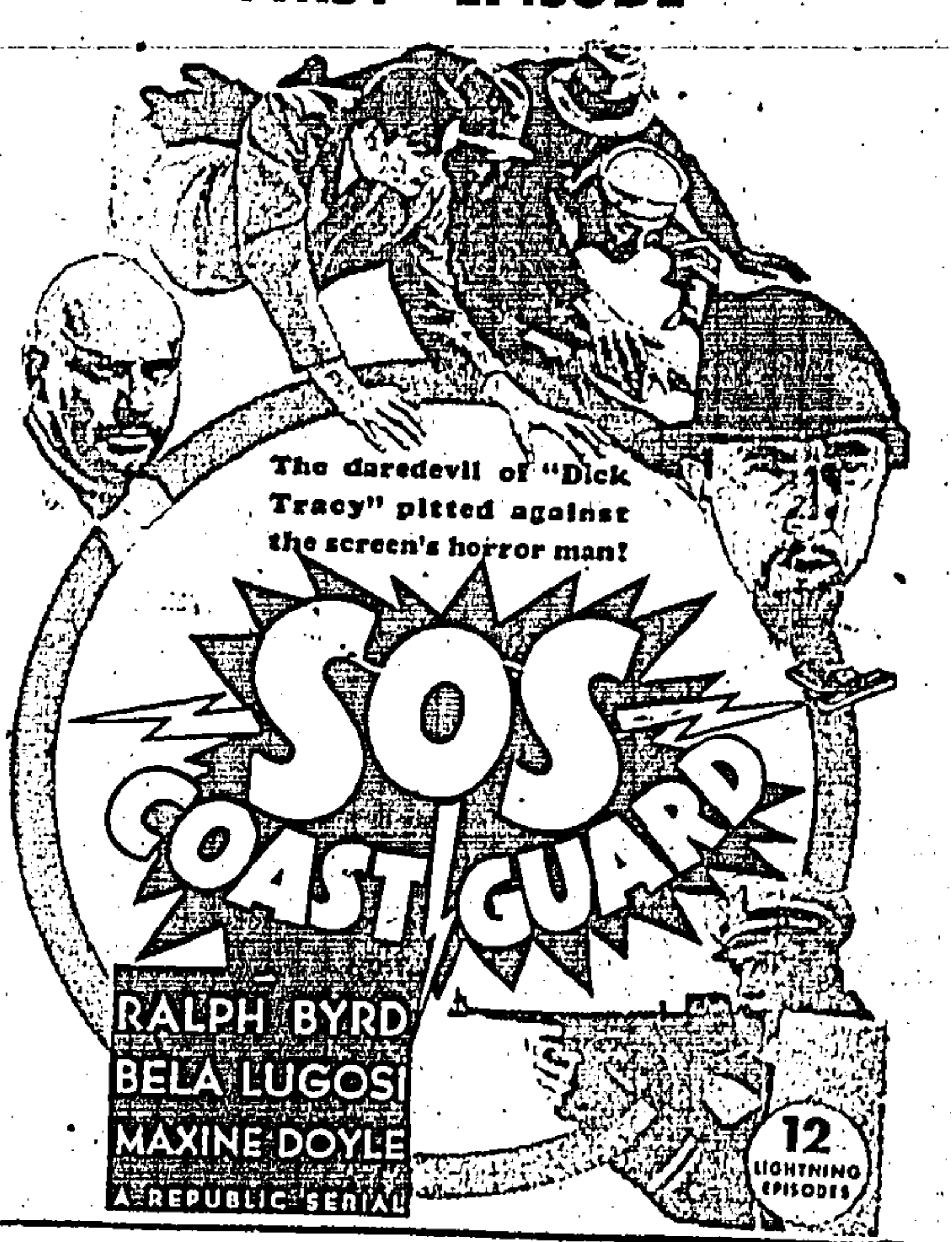
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Careless Lorry Driver

Admitting a charge of driving without due care and attention, Lau Wan-woo, a lorry driver, was fined \$75 by Mr Latimer at Kowloon Court today.

The accident occurred along the Castle Peak Road on Monday. Lau, driving towards Castle Peak, was overtaking a stationary jeep parked outside the Hongkong Brewery, and after passing the vehicle, he pulled towards his left too sharply and hit a pedestrian with the tailboard of his lorry.

Brothel Keeper

For keeping a brothel at 19, Cheung Lok Street, second floor, Ho Ng, 40, widow, was fined \$250 by Mr Latimer at Kowloon Court today. The premises were raided by Inspector Collins early this morning.

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An Innings And 451 Runs

CURTIS CUP TEAM

Aussies Trounce Essex

Southend, May 17.—The Australian cricket tourists easily defeated Essex by an innings and 451 runs in their match here today.

The final scores were: Australians 721; Essex 83 and 187.

The Essex batsmen failed miserably against the Australian attack today when they faced the tourists' colossal total, and had it not been for a seventh wicket stand of 131 in the second innings between Tom Pearce and Peter Smith, they would have been beaten by an even larger margin. Pearce made a brilliant 71 and Smith 54.

In the first innings the batsmen could do little against the pace of Miller, who took three wickets for 14 runs and the wiles of the left arm bowler Toshack, who accounted for five wickets for 31 runs.

Jan Johnson, with his off-spinners did the damage in the second innings, taking six wickets for 37 runs.

Miller had to leave the field after lunch with a bruised thigh, McCool fielding as substitute, and during the afternoon Barnes had to retire for a while through knee trouble. Essex failed to take advantage of these handicaps.

Jan Johnson, bowling for the first time in the game, immediately beat Cary, who played outside an off spinner at 24, when Bradman brought him on.

FIVE IN 45 MINUTES

The next five Essex wickets then fell in three quarters of an hour for 22 runs. Avery fell at forward short-leg at 32, Vigar registered a "pair" and Dodds having stayed an hour and a quarter for 10 was bowled middle stump by Toshack.

Jan Johnson disposed of Horsfall and Ray Smith with successive balls at 40 and at this stage the Victorian off-spinner had obtained four wickets at the cost of nine runs.

The Essex captain, Pearce, partnered by Peter Smith then passed their previous total and when tea was taken, they had put on 44 for the seventh wicket without being parted.

Just when the Australians seemed assured of a swift success Pearce and Smith dramatically checked them with a gallant century stand. Nothing that had happened earlier gave an indication that Essex was capable of such a rally.

Pearce and Smith came together with six wickets down for 46 runs and by steadfast defence and later by courageous hitting they more than held their own against all the changes made by Bradman and the 10,000 crowd gave them a tremendous reception when their partnership reached three figures in 70 minutes.

CHESS TOURNEY

Karpovich v. Weiss

The game between L. Karpovich and Karel Weiss will be the best on the programme this evening at the Peninsula Hotel in the third round of the Colony Reserve Tournament.

Weiss was the only player to dent Karpovich's record when the latter won the Colony Chess Championship in 1941 with 9½ points out of a possible 10.

It will be the first time the two have met since that tournament. Odds are on Karpovich to win. Both are far off their pre-war best but Karpovich is fast approaching it while Weiss had the worse of his games in the first two rounds.

Other games of the round are V. N. Douneff v. J. V. Tausz, D. E. de Carvalho v. S. Shave, Jacob Ramler v. R. Sengelen, A. Archangelky v. V. V. Kolachoff, and R. W. Carter v. A. E. Gomes.

Ar. Blirukoff has the bye.

Amateur Status Questioned

Helsinki.—One of the touchiest subjects in Finnish sports is the question of the amateur status of Villjo Heino, Finland's world record holder for the 10,000 metre run.

Charges that Heino, a 33-year-old factory foreman, was a professional were first made in Stockholm at the time when the Swedes barred their two great stars, Gunder Haegg and Arne Anderson, from amateur racing competition in 1945 because they have accepted money for running.

The Swedish press protested against Heino after his first competitive visit to Sweden following the war. The press demanded Heino's status should be investigated.

In Finland we still regard Heino as an amateur. Lasse Mielonen head of Finland's Amateur Athletic Federation said: "His case has not yet been taken up."

Heino has run in London, Oslo and Copenhagen, and also against France and Belgium in team matches.—Associated Press.

They actually put on 131 runs in 143 minutes before Jan Johnson ended the stand by taking a stiff return from Pearce, who cut and drove with rest in a stay of 90 minutes. He hit seven fours.

Smith resisted the tourists for almost two hours in scoring his 54. Jan Johnson who flighted his off-spinners most deceptively into a stiff breeze took six wickets for 37 runs in the second innings.

THE SCOREBOARD

Australians—1st Innings	721
Essex—1st Innings	83
Essex—2nd Innings	187
Dodds, b Toshack	16
Cary, b Jan Johnson	3
Avery, c Brown, b Jan Johnson	15
Vigar, c Jan Johnson, b Toshack	0
Horsfall, b Jan Johnson	0
Ray Smith, c Ring, b Jan Johnson	0
Pearce, c and b Jan Johnson	71
Peter Smith, b Barnes	54
Price, not out	1
Bailey, absent, hurt	0
Extras	15
Total	187

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Miller	2	1	4	0
Jan Johnson	12	3	28	0
Hill Johnson	10	4	26	0
Toshack	17	2	50	2
Jan Johnson	21	6	37	6
Barnes	9	4	5	1
Ring	7	3	16	0
Barnes, leg-byes 3 and no balls 6.				
—Reuter.				

COUNTY CRICKET

London, May 17.—Thousands of cricketing enthusiasts spent their Bank Holiday basking in the sun, which flooded the county cricket grounds throughout the country and at least one record was set up when 35,000 packed into the Trent Bridge ground—a record for a county match at Nottingham.

There were more centuries to add to Saturday's total and today's best was Dolly of Warwickshire with 107 in four and a quarter hours. He hit 15 fours.

McCorkell of Hampshire offered at least six chances while he was scoring his 153 not out but Arnold, with whom McCorkell put on 153 for the third wicket, had a chanceless century, which included 19 boundaries during a stay of four and a half hours. Five times McCorkell was missed. The unlucky Kent bowler was Ridgway.

Eric Edrich, scoring a century for the second time in successive games, did not hit until reaching three figures and his knock lasted about five hours and included two sixes and 11 fours.

BATTLE OF THE ROSES

There was also a crowd of 35,000 at this game and they were delighted when Hutton reached three figures before the day's play ended in this traditional Battle of the Roses.

Mainly through Keeton and Hardstaff, two of the other hundred makers Nottinghamshire were able to score Surrey's big total by one run and then declared in the heat of the day the Surrey attack never looked really dangerous, apart from some spells by Laker.

Middlesex, the county champions, should win their game tomorrow although they will have to bat again, but Sussex collapsed surprisingly before a 25,000 crowd which packed Lords and had to follow on.

The spin bowling of Compton, Bedford and Sims always worried Sussex although Charles Onkes with a six and seven fours showed that the bowling could be hit while he completed a century but then he was a Compton victim.

Sussex did much better at their second attempt.

THE SCORES

The close of play scores today were: At Lords: Middlesex 392 for five declared; Sussex 108 (C. Onkes 50, D. Compton four for 54) and 202 for four (Parks 55, John Langridge 94).

At Southampton: Kent 226 and 13 for 0; Hampshire 443 for six declared (Arnold 126, McCorkell not out 153).

At Leeds: Lancashire 450 (E. H. Edrich 121, Cranston 73), Yorkshire 207 for four (Hutton 100, Halliday 60).

At Worcester: Worcestershire 204 (Muncer four for 60) Glamorgan 33 for four (Clift 56, W. E. Jones 87, Parkhouse 52).

At Taunton: Gloucestershire 522, Somerset 245 (Gimblett 50, Goddard six for 65) and 100 for three.

At Derby: Warwickshire 308 (Dollery 107, Copson seven for 103), Derbyshire 177.

At Leicester: Leicestershire 384 and 37 for one. Northamptonshire 289 (Davis 101).

At Nottingham: Surrey 419 and 12 for 0; Nottingham 420 for nine declared (Keeton 104, Hardstaff 100, Sims not out 62, Squires four for 50).—Reuter.



Smiling members of the U.S. Curtis Cup team pose on the deck of the liner Mauretania as they sail from New York for the golf matches to be held at Birkdale, England (May 21-22). Matches will be first for the cup to be played in 10 years. Left to right: Polly Riley, Fort Worth, Tex.; Louise Suggs, Atlanta, Ga.; Dorothy Kirby, Atlanta; Mrs. Glenn Collett, Vanc., team captain, Merion, Pa.; Dorothy Kietly, Los Angeles; Grace Lenczyk, Newington, Conn.; and Mrs. Estelle Lawson Page, Chapel Hill, N.C.—AP Wirephoto.

SOCCER SEASON SURVEY

EUROPE'S FOOTBALLERS VOTE ARSENAL MOST POPULAR CLUB OF THE YEAR

By WALTER PILKINGTON

A ballot among members of leading football clubs in ten European countries has chosen for London's premier team, Arsenal, the distinction of being the most popular football club in Europe.

It is a well-merited honour although Glasgow Rangers, pride of Scotland, can claim to have been even more consistently successful over a long period without perhaps having faced opposition as severe. But in English football Arsenal are supreme.

Arsenal have proved their all round ability by winning the League Championship for the sixth time in 11 seasons; by holding first place throughout the season, making sure of honours with four matches to play; avoiding defeat until their 18th game; taking three or more points from all their nearest rivals; scoring more goals (81) than all but two teams, Wolverhampton (83) and Manchester United (81); and by losing only 32 goals, easily beating the First Division goals against record of 39 in 42 matches set up by Wolverhampton in the season before the second World War.

TOM BLOWER PLANS

A ROUND-TRIP CHANNEL SWIM

Nottingham, May 17.—Tom Blower, who plans a non-stop round trip swim of the English Channel this summer, finished a 30-hour warmup swim in an indoor pool today and found that he had lost 17 pounds.

Blower thinks it will take him 36 hours to swim both ways across the Channel.—Associated Press.

Title Holders To Defend

London, May 17.—The Frenchman, Robert Villeman, European welterweight champion, and Ray Farnochon, European featherweight champion will fight at White City Stadium, London on July 26.

They will defend their titles if the European Boxing Association nominates challengers said promoter Jack Solomons. If not they will fight overweight.

Freddie Mills of England will meet holder Gus Lesnevich for the world light weight championship in the same fight card.—Associated Press.

Mediocre Showing

London, May 17.—With only mediocre showings by individuals, Surrey won the Inter-County Athletics Championship today before 22,000 persons at the White City stadium.

Holland won the four-event special international match with 17 points.

Although conditions favoured fast times, no British records were broken. Outstanding performer was Harry Whittle of Lancashire, who won the 440 yards hurdles in a new county record time of 56.1 seconds.—Associated Press.

SOCCER INTERNATIONAL

Berne, May 17.—Switzerland beat Scotland by two goals to one in an international soccer game here this afternoon.—Reuter.

Arsenal won 23 matches and lost only six, a very fine record in view of the keenly competitive spirit in English League football. Fresh from their triumph, Arsenal were popular visitors to Lisbon when the English season was over. They beat the Benfica Club by four goals to nil. Unyielding defence, with the centre-half Leslie Compton a towering and dominating figure, was the basis of Arsenal's championship success; but they had the match-winning knack of making good use of scoring opportunities.

Their sharp-shooting centre forward Ronald Rooke was the leading First Division scorer with 33 goals. This was a great performance for a player aged 37 who was thought to be on the wane when Arsenal signed him from a London Second Division club, Fulham, two years ago, but his deadly marksmanship and uncanny sense of position and anticipation made him one of Arsenal's best ever bargains.

When signed by Arsenal, who were in danger of relegation to Division II at that time, he had scored 13 goals for Fulham; and in 24 appearances for Arsenal in the same season he scored another 21. To follow this feat with another 33 goals and rarely have a poor game is a great tribute to the fitness and ability of a player supposed to have passed his peak and to Arsenal's wisdom in signing him.

A SHREWDTACTICIAN

The former Arsenal and England trainee, Tom Whittaker himself admitted that he has had the satisfaction of piloting a great club to the pinnacle again in his first season as manager.

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finest in the game. Birmingham's power, like Arsenal's, was mainly in defence. They yielded only 24 goals, five fewer than the previous season, and the lowest total for the whole of the League since the off-side rule was altered.

LINCOLN CITY SUCCESS

Promotion to Division II was achieved by a London Club, Queen's Park Rangers, and Lincoln City. After 14 years in Division III, Lincoln returned through the efforts of a team composed entirely of part-time professionals, two coal miners, two steel workers, an electrician, a post office worker, and a fish-monger. They had to wait for success until the last day, beating the Yorkshire Club, Rotherham by a point. Rotherham were also runners-up in the previous season. They can console themselves with the fact that Plymouth missed promotion as narrowly for six successive seasons before achieving it.

The most sensational result of the season was Blackpool's seven-nil win at Preston, a week after they had lost in the Cup final. An ironic feature was that McIntosh, who was left out of the team after playing in the earlier Cup games, returned to become the only player who has ever scored five goals against Preston in 60 years.

The King and Queen have seen Cup finals in successive Saturdays. Both saw their first Rugby League match a week after watching Manchester United beat Blackpool. Northern clubs again provided keen opposition at the Empire Stadium, Wembley.

Wigan, who this year beat Bradford Northern by eight points to three, played in the first Rugby Cup final 10 years ago when a mere 41,000 paid £5,000 to see the match. The game has widened its appeal in the meantime. The returns for this year's Rugby Cup final, 92,000 spectators and £21,000 in receipts are a world record. Rugby League football may be introduced to America next year when the Australians return from a tour of Britain.

If the outcome is satisfactory English teams will be seen in the United States demonstrating the game. The former English League champions, Liverpool, are back there now playing soccer, a sequel to last year's successful tour.

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FRANCE ELIMINATED FROM DAVIS CUP TOURNEY

Beaten 4-1 By Hungary

Paris, May 17.—Hungary eliminated France from the Davis Cup today by winning the last two singles matches for a total of four rubbers to one.

Andren Stolpha scored a surprise victory over Marcel Bernard after losing the first two sets. The score was 1-6, 3-6, 6-0, 6-3 and 6-4.

Earlier Joseph Asboth defeated Robert Abdessalam 7-5, 6-2 and 6-2.

Hungary qualified for the third round of the Davis Cup by its victory.—United Press.

BELGIUM WINS THROUGH

The Belgian champion, Philippe Washer, carried his team to victory in the last match of the singles by beating the Argentine left hander, Hernando Weiss, by 6-0, 4-0, 6-4, 6-4.—Associated Press.

Brussels, May 17.—The Argentine first string players, Enrique Morea beat Jacques Peten of Belgium by 1-6, 3-6, 8-6, 6-4 and 10-8. Peten, hitting hard and crisply, won the first set easily and then played one of the best sets of his life to take the second. Morea seemed tired at this point. Peten took the first two games in the third set then Morea started a comeback with a series of cannonball service.

Morea tied the games at three-all, four-all and five-all and then went into the lead for the first time at 6-5. Peten, slowing down, managed to tie again at 6-6, but lost the next two vital games before the interval. The fourth set went comfortably to the Argentine, then in the fifth set both players changed tactics and an exacting baseline duel began. Morea, now fresher and extremely cautious, scored several points with his sizzling service and clever mid-court play and eventually won down the older Peten who finished in a state of complete exhaustion.

SWEDEN SWEEPS UP

Stockholm, May 17.—Sweden beat Switzerland by five rubbers to all in their second Round Davis cup match which ended today with the two remaining singles.

In these, Torsten Johansson, of Sweden, beat Max Albiyeh, of Switzerland, 11-9, 0-6, 6-2, 6-4, while Lennart Bergelin, also of Sweden, defeated Hans Houndner 6-2, 6-4, 6-1.

Sweden now meets Hungary in the third round.—Reuter.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Concessions To Visitors

Those of the 40,000 visitors coming to London for the Olympic Games who bring their own cars or buy a car here for export later will be given sufficient petrol to do 1,600 miles motoring if they wish.

First they will be granted enough petrol to take them from the port of arrival to their farthest destination in the country and back. In addition they will be allowed enough petrol in the first fortnight of their stay—for 600 miles—and they can apply for petrol for a further 400 miles during the second fortnight.

For the second and third months of the stay they can have petrol for 300 miles a month.

VALID FOR SIX MONTHS

Their petrol coupons will be valid for six months from the date of arrival or purchase of a new car. Visitors will be allowed unlimited travel by taxi or hired car and can get the petrol for this on showing their tourist voucher book. The voucher book also entitles them to any six articles of rationed clothing or footwear without giving up coupons.

HOMES MOST POPULAR

So many offers of accommodation by private people have been made that all needs can be met for tourists who prefer "homely" surroundings.

As most of them have to budget carefully within their currency limits, private houses are most popular.

Visitors in hotels are allowed 28 days without a ration card. For private houses they get temporary ration cards on the authority of their passport or travel documents. There are no complicated formalities.

DANISH LEAD REDUCED

Dublin, May 17.—Ireland's doubles team of C. A. Kemp and G. P. Jackson beat Nielsen and Ulrich of Denmark by 6-0, 6-3, 6-8, 3-6 and 6-2 to reduce the Danish lead after three games to 2-1 in the second round of the European Zone Davis Cup play here today.—United Press.

A BLUNT STATEMENT

London, May 17.—The Davis Cup has been a powerful factor in destroying every vestige of amateurism and everything has been subordinated to the Davis Cup, H. A. Pitt, acting president of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia, said today.

This statement was made during the discussion of a report submitted by the committee of the Association which proposed that the Davis Cup competition be held every two years instead of annually.

The proposal will shortly be forwarded to the International Lawn Tennis Federation.—United Press.

INDIANS IN PARIS

Paris, May 17.—The India Lawn Tennis team arrived here today, ready for the French international championships which start on Wednesday.

The non-playing captain, D. S. Khakha, said "It was too cold when we reached London and just as it was getting to be nice weather, we had to leave. Here it is too hot. However, tennis here is of an extremely high standard from what we have seen this afternoon, so if we have any success or not, we at least say we have learned something."

The playing members are Dilip K. Bose, Narendra Nath, Shub Bawney and Sumant Misra.—Reuter.

ENGLISH GIRLS THE CHAMPIONS

Amsterdam, May 17.—England's women have again proved themselves supreme in women's hockey by winning the world international festival which ended here today when they beat Holland in the final by one goal to nil.

Scotland and Ireland, who reached the semi-final on Saturday, played off for third and fourth places today and Scotland were judged winners of the match because they had the greater number of penalty corners in a two goals-all draw.

They thus secured third place. Teams from many continental countries as well as a side from the United States took part in the festival.—Reuter.

The Union Jack was hoisted in honour of the new English world champions with the Dutch and Scottish flags on either side. England, favourite before the tournament started, proved throughout last week's matches that she had the better team. Some experts compared the English girls' play with that of India in men's hockey.—Associated Press.

Migoli Wins At Hurst Park

Hurst Park, England, May 17.—Migoli defied the strong French challenge of Robert Salvador's Gypse today to win the White Rose Stakes by two lengths.

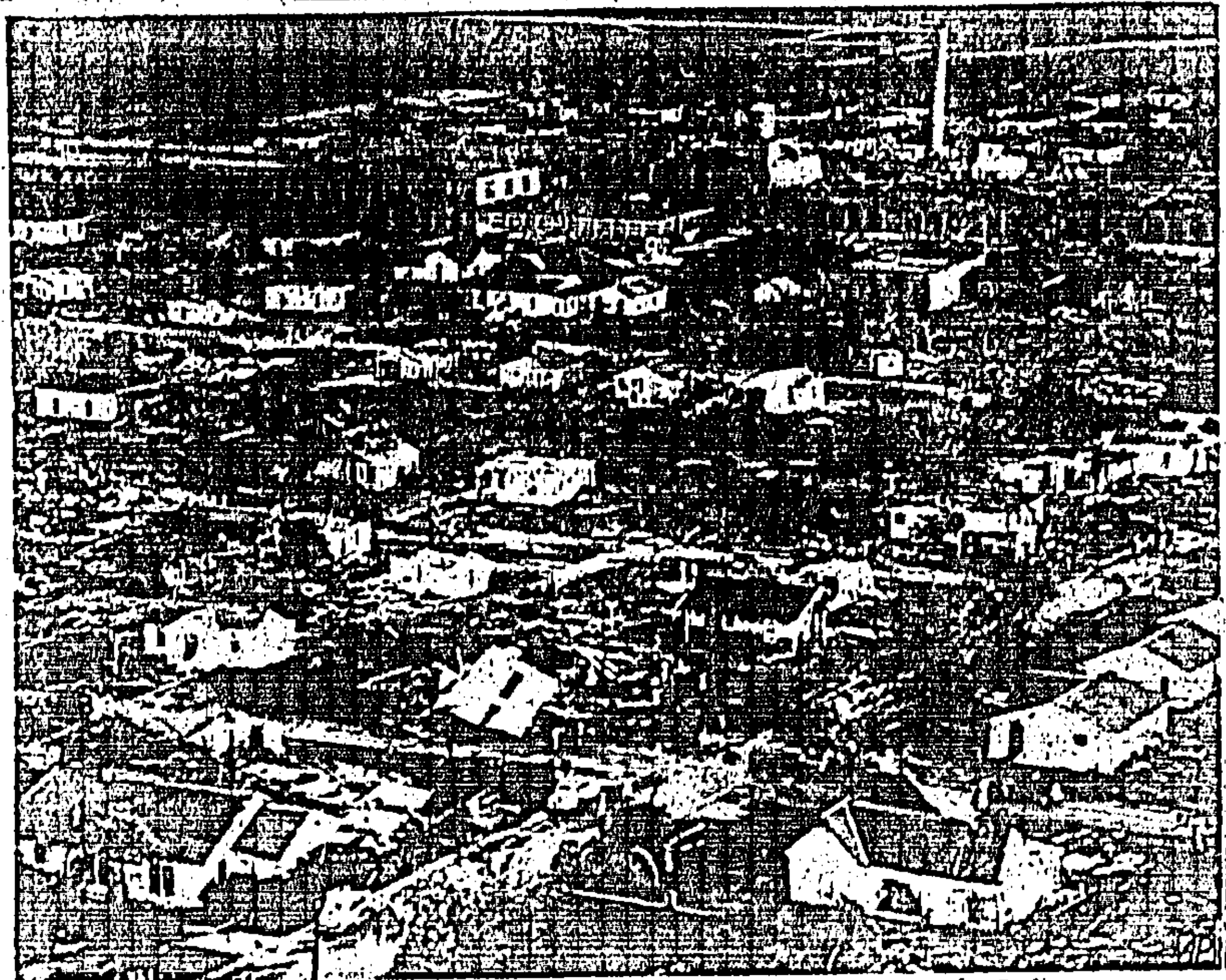
Ridden by champion jockey Gordon Richards, Migoli, winner of the Eclipse Stakes last year, earned a prize of £2,250 for its owner, the Aga Khan.

There were only four runners in the one mile seven furlongs race, a fact that did not appeal to Salvador and trainer Charlie Emil who were present.

"Gypse needed a pacemaker," said Charlie "and I shall bring one over from France when he contests the Ascot Gold Cup."—Associated Press.



CHAMPIONSHIP FORM.—Josephine Barnum, 17, of Boston shows at Colorado Springs, the form which won her the novice ladies' title in National Figure Skating Championships.

HIT BY A
TORNADOPALESTINE CALLED A THREAT
TO PEACE

This aerial view shows the Texas Textile Mill (background), and the neighbouring residential area virtually destroyed by a tornado which hit the town of McKinney, Tex. Three persons were killed and 53 injured.—AP Wirephoto.

Atomic Bombs Might Destroy
Typhoons, Theory

CONGRESSMAN'S INGENIOUS PROPOSITION

Manila, May 17.—A Philippine Congressman thinks that atom bombs might destroy typhoons.

Rep. Francisco Perfecto, a provincial coconut planter, has offered a bill which would create an international "anti-typhoon" commission to test his theory that atomic explosions could quell the fiercest storm.

"Something must be done," he said. "Typhoons caused \$100,000,000 damage in the Philippines alone last year. In my province half the coconut trees were blown down and the rest were stripped bare like candles. It is time to take action."

Under Perfecto's bill, the Philippines government would put up \$500,000 for typhoon research.

Scientists of all nations would be invited to join.

Perfecto says he is no scientist himself. He hatched the idea for an anti-typhoon commission after reading a newspaper article about the crew of an American B-17 weather plane who flew through the heart of a Caribbean twister.

TYPHOON SQUAD

"Our fliers could do the same," he suggested. "But they would carry atom bombs."

A typhoon squad would take off as soon as word of an approaching typhoon was flashed to the main land. Their plane would fly as high as possible—maybe 30,000 feet—and would drop its bomb into the eye of the storm, which lies at the center of every typhoon like the hole in a doughnut.

The explosion, Perfecto believes, would shatter the swirling walls of air around the core.

"The typhoon would be horribly blasted," he said. "It could never reach the shore."

Perfecto said his bill has brought him much criticism in the House of Representatives. He has even been called "the crazy son of a gun" by some of his colleagues.

"They laughed at America's Edison, you know," he said.—United Press.

EDITH UPSETS
A SKIPPER

London, May 17.—Doctor Edith Sumner, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Food, was challenged today to prove that she is an expert on handling fish.

Dr. Sumner's skill complained recently to the House of Commons that British lawlers treat their catches carelessly.

Skipper G. Noble, of Grimsby, has written her as follows: "May I suggest that you go on a fishing trip with me to the North Sea for the purpose of instructing my mate and crew in the art of stowing away fish. I suggest about February next."

"Please bring your winter woolie," Associated Press.

The Next Election Will Be
Labour's Greatest Fight

Scarborough, May 17.—The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison told the annual conference of Britain's ruling Labour Party today that in the next election the Socialists will have "the great fight of our lives."

"If we do not win it we shall go backwards and it may take us a long time to come back," he warned, and he told 12 Party delegates that their next election plan to form "must also be attractive to the general body of public opinion."

While the Party was discussing campaign methods for the general election—due in 1950—Mr. Morrison said, "we have already commenced our preparations for policy."

The Labourites were also solidifying the strongly anti-Communist line which has emerged since their last convention.

The conference quietly buried the recent telegram affair today hushing up one of the hottest political issues since the Socialist government came to power three years ago.

DEVALUATION
HINT

Washington, May 17.—The United States will "require" Marshall Plan countries to consider devaluing their currencies if she considers this necessary, the National Advisory Council—chief American economic policy-making body—said here today.

In a report sent to Congress by President Harry S. Truman, the council said the United States would "require" these countries to work out devaluation with the 46-nation World Monetary Fund.

This will be called for whenever the Council "believes that a country's exchange rates is imposing an unjustifiable burden on its balance of payments."

The United States could apparently compel devaluation by threatening to cut off Marshall Plan aid.

The British Pound, now valued at slightly over four American dollars, was regarded, official quarters here said, as one of the European currencies vulnerable to devaluation more later.

France and Italy both have taken steps in recent months to devalue their currencies in relation to the United States dollar.—Reuter.

Frog Leaps 11 Ft
Five Inches

Angels Camp, California, May 17.—A brightly frog named "Heliotope" won the California frog jumping championship yesterday with a leap of 11 feet five inches, before a crowd of 10,000 frog lovers.

The group of University of California students who entered Heliotope in the contest said: "We only caught him on Saturday and had no opportunity to train him. He's a frog in a million." The students will share the prize of \$200.—Reuter.

U.S. Asks Fighting
To Be Stopped
Immediately

Lake Success, May 17.—The United States declared today that the situation in Palestine was a "threat to peace" under the Charter of the United Nations and called on all Governments to stop the fighting immediately.

The statement was contained in a resolution which Mr. Warren Austin, the American delegate, presented to the Security Council today.

He asked the Council to declare the Palestine situation a "threat to peace" and to call on all governments involved to cease fighting immediately.

Mr. Austin, in the resumed debate on Palestine, said the Security Council needed more information on what is happening in Palestine and suggested it might ask the following questions:

To Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Transjordan, Iraq, Yemen, Syria and the Lebanon: "Are the armed elements of your armed forces sponsored by your Government now operating in Palestine?"

"If so, where are such forces located, under what command, and with what military objectives?"

"On what basis is it claimed that such forces are entitled to enter Palestine?"

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

"Who is now responsible for the exercise of political functions in the Arab areas in Palestine?"

"Is such an authority now negotiating with the Jews?"

"Have the Arab governments entered on any agreement among themselves with respect to Palestine?"

"What are the terms of the agreement?"

"Have you named your representatives to deal with the Security Council truce commission?"

To Israel:

"Over which areas of Palestine do you exercise control?"

"Have you armed forces outside the areas claimed by the Jewish State?"

"If so, how do you justify their existence there?"

"Are you negotiating with the Arab authorities on a truce or a settlement?"

"Have you named your representatives to deal with the truce commission?"

"Would you agree to an immediate and unconditional truce for Jerusalem?"

After the Syrian delegate had vainly tried to get the Security Council to dispute the international legal status of Palestine, M. Andrei Gromyko, for the Soviet Union, urged the Council to take immediate steps to stop the war in Palestine.

U.S. RESOLUTION

Several members of the Council said they needed more time to consider the American resolution, which read:

"The Security Council, taking into consideration that previous resolutions of the Security Council in respect to Palestine have not been complied with and that military operations are taking place in Palestine, determines that the situation in Palestine constitutes a threat to peace and a breach of the peace within the meaning of Article 39 of the Charter;

"Orders all Governments and authorities to cease and desist from any hostile military action and to that end issue cease fire and standstill orders to their military and paramilitary forces to become effective within 30 hours after the adoption of this resolution;

"Directs the truce commission, established by the Security Council by its resolution of April 22, to report to the Security Council on the carrying out of these orders."

Observers here noted that the American resolution contained no reference to an "act of aggression."

65,000-TON
CARRIER

Washington, May 17.—The United States' new 65,000-ton aircraft carrier will be the longest ship ever built, with a waterline length of 1,030 feet, Vice-Admiral Earle Mills, Chief of the United States Bureau of Ships, said today.

Telling the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee of the Navy's plans for the carrier, he said it would cost about \$125 million.

The new carrier—20,000 tons more than the USS Midway, which is the largest afloat today—will be 10 feet longer than the French liner Normandie, which capsized and burned in New York Harbour during the war.

The Committee endorsed a bill suspending work on 19 ships and transferring the unexpended funds to the 1949 programme, which includes five new ships and three conversions, as well as the new carrier.

Some of the work will be on ships equipped to launch guided missiles.—Reuter.

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